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“Declaring the End from the Beginning; and from Ancient Times the Things that are not yet done.”—*Isaiah 46:10.*

“Known unto Jehovah are all His Works from the Beginning of the World.”—*Acts 15:18.*

Marvelous Things Which Have Been Kept Secret from the Foundation of the World

“Into which things Angels earnestly desire to look.”—*1 Peter 1:12.*



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DIAGRAM OF JEHOVAH'S PLAN OF THE AGES, ACCORDING TO THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, FOR THE CREATION OF 1,000 GENERATIONS OF GODS, "MAN, MALE AND FEMALE," AND "ALL THE HOSTS OF THEM"; "LIKE UNTO GOD — EVEN GOD." (Text in margin, Rom. 4:17.) Ps. 105:8; Rom. 8:20-21; Rev. 21:5; Gen. 2:1. Through Christ and the glorified Church, the spiritual seed of Abraham. "Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fulness of times [“The Ages to come” of Christ’s Reign] He might gather together in one [universal family] all things in Christ, both which are in Heaven and which are in earth, even in Him." (Ephes. 1:9-10 and 2:7.)

Adam to Flood.

1,656 years.

Adam to call of Abraham. Time in doubt.

Adam to exodus of Israel. Time in doubt.

Adam to 70 years' captivity of Israel. Time in doubt.

Adam to birth of Christ. Time in doubt.

Adam to end of Gospel Age, 1945.

6,000 years.

Adam to end of Millennial Age.

Adam to end of "Jehovah's Finished Work," of 7,000 years.
1,000 generations of gods, "like unto God—
even God." Unknown.

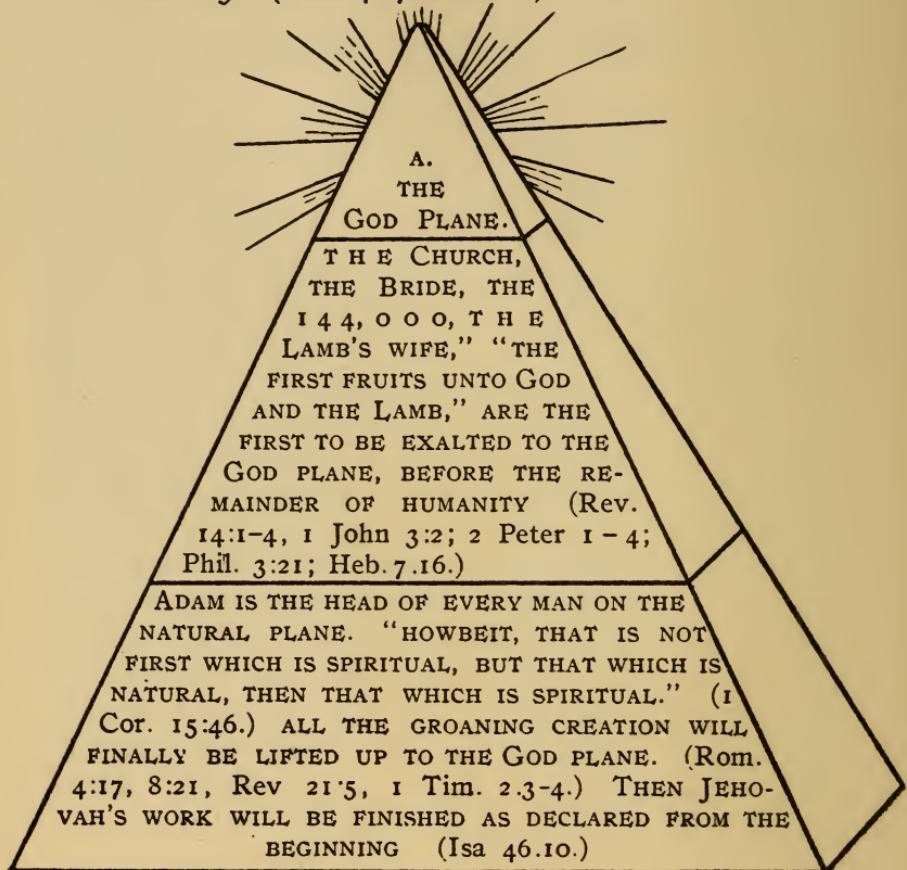
Adam to beginning of "Age without *end*." Unknown.

"To Him [Jehovah] be the Glory in the Church] and in Jesus Christ, to all the generations [1,000 of the Age of the Ages. Amen."—*Ephes. 3:21, Diaglot.* "Ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without *end*."—*Isa. 45:17.* "He hath remembered His covenant *forever*, the word which He commanded to a *thousand generations*. The covenant He made with Abraham, and His oath unto Isaac; and confirmed the same unto Jacob for a *statute*, to Israel for an *everlasting covenant*."—*Ps. 105:8-10.*

APPEAL OF THE AUTHORS.

“Hear, for I [we] will speak excellent things, and the opening of my lips shall be right things; for my mouth shall utter *truth*.” (Prov. 8:6-7.) God’s Word is *truth*. “These things belong to the *wise*.” (Prov. 24:23.) “*Wise*” virgins, and them *only*. (Matt. 25:2.) “O taste and see that the Lord is *good*.” (Ps. 34:8.) “I will utter things which have been kept *secret* from the foundation of the world.” (Matt. 13:35.) “Hear my words, ye *wise* men, and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge; for the ear tasteth words, as the palate tasteth food. Let us choose for us that which is *right*; let us know among ourselves that which is *good*.” (Job 34:2-4.) “Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves *white*, and be *refined*; but the wicked shall do wickedly, and *none* of the wicked shall understand; *but they that are wise shall understand*.” (Daniel 12:10.) “He who testifieth these things saith, Yea, I come *quickly*. *Amen*. Come, Lord Jesus.” (Rev. 22:20.)

"BUT I WOULD HAVE YOU KNOW THAT THE HEAD OF EVERY MAN [on the *God plane*] IS CHRIST."—
1 Cor 11:3. (Rom. 4:17 and 8:21.)





THE GREAT METALLIC IMAGE OF DANIEL TWO.

THE GREAT METALLIC IMAGE OF DANIEL 2:31 to 46 SYMBOLIZES FOUR WORLD-WIDE EMPIRES: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome.

Beginning 606 B. C., and spanning a cycle of 2,520 years, ending in 1914, in a world-wide war. According to the Word of God, Babylon, the fourth universal monarchy, was to be divided into ten kingdoms, symbolized by the ten toes on the great metallic image. These ten kingdoms are all located in the Eastern Hemisphere, in Roman territory.

"In the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people. But it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."—*Daniel 2:44.*

The time allotted for this kingdom of "the God of Heaven" to be "set up" is between 1914 A. D. and 1945 A. D., September 20th. At this latter date Christ and the glorified saints, the Bride of Christ, the 144,000, "the Lamb's wife," will take the kingdom and become its rulers.

MAN IN THE IMAGE OF GOD.

When man was first created, he was not created in the express image of God, but was created natural. But by *re-generation* through Jesus Christ, the second Adam, man is to be changed from the natural to the spiritual, or created in the image and likeness of God. When Jesus Christ, the second Adam, was created, he was created natural, and remained so for thirty-three and one-half years; then at His resurrection He was changed to man in the image and likeness of God, the brightness of His Father's glory, the express image of His substance. Jesus Christ is the first and only man as yet created immortal in the image and likeness of God. Jesus Christ had two begettals and two births. His first begettal was by the Spirit of God in the womb of His mother, Mary, the virgin. His first birth was when He was born of the Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem of Judea. His second begettal or anointing was when He was baptized with the Holy Spirit, at Jordan, being about thirty years old. His second birth occurred at His resurrection, when He was born out of the death state or condition, with the power of an endless life, being then born of God, born from above, as stated in John 3:3. He could then come and go as the wind, unperceived by human eyes, unless He chose to reveal Himself, as in the case of His meeting with His disciples on the way to Emmaus. His Bride, the 144,000, the

wife of the Lamb, will have two begettals and two births also, will be changed and made immortal in the first or chief resurrection. By the power of God vested in Christ, the second Adam, and the glorified Church, the second Eve, the whole race of mankind will finally be *re-generated*, created anew, made immortal, become gods, like unto God, as prophetically foretold in Genesis 1:31 and 2:4. The Divine plan and purpose of Jehovah, as relates to the whole race of mankind, is embraced in the above propositions, to be carried out through Christ and the glorified Church. It is the "*mystery of Godliness*"—*God-likeness*, which has been kept secret from the ages, but now revealed to us through the Scriptures of truth, given us by the holy prophets and apostles, who have preached these "*glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people*," both the living and the dead—with the Holy Spirit sent down from Heaven.

The whole plan and purpose of Jehovah, as relates to man in the "*image and likeness*" of God, is given us in the first chapter of Genesis and ending with the sixth verse of the second chapter, which should never have been cut off from the first chapter.

NATURAL OR MORTAL MAN CONTRASTED
WITH SPIRITUAL OR IMMORTAL MAN.

THE FIRST ADAM.

The first Adam is sown a natural body, mortal. (1 Cor. 15:45.)

The first Adam was made of the dust of the ground, a natural or mortal man. (Gen. 2:7; Job 4:17.)

The first Adam was a figure of Him that was to come. (Rom. 5:14.)

The first Adam was a son of God, but not a begotten son. (Luke 3:38.)

The first man Adam was a creature made subject to vanity, liable to temptation. (Gen. 3:6; Rom. 8:20.)

THE SECOND ADAM.

It is raised a spiritual body, raised immortal. (1 Cor. 15:45.)

The second Adam was made of the "seed" of the woman (Gen. 3:15), the "seed" of Abraham, the "seed" of David, the "seed" of the Virgin Mary.

Jesus, the second Adam, was the One to come; hence could not be older than His mother—was no angel.

Jesus, the second Adam, was the only begotten Son of God (John 1:14; Luke 1:35), made of a woman, made under the law (Gal. 4:4).

The second Adam was a creature also, and made subject to vanity, tempted in all points like as we are, suffered and died as we do. (Heb. 2:14-17-18.) "Besides, He (God)

The first Adam was made natural or mortal, tested and failed, blaming his failure to God, because of the woman God gave him. Adam hid his sin in his bosom. (Job. 31:38.)

The first man Adam was made mortal, but not complete without his wife Eve, for the generation of the race of mankind. (Gen. 2:18.)

The first Adam received his bride Eve, made of a rib, taken from his side. (Gen. 2:22.)

The first Adam was the head of the first wo-

does not in any way take hold of angels, but He takes hold of the seed of Abraham." (Heb. 2:16.)

Jesus, the second Adam, was made natural or mortal, tested and overcame, because He loved righteousness and hated iniquity. (John 16:33; Heb. 1:9.)

The second man was made immortal at His resurrection, but will not be complete without the 144,000, His Bride, the second Eve, the Lamb's wife, for the *re*-generation of the whole race. (Matt. 18:28; Rev. 21:22.)

Jesus, the second Adam, is to receive His Bride, the glorified Church, by virtue of blood that flowed from His wounded side. (John 5:6.)

The second Adam, Jesus, is the head of the

man, Eve, and also of every man. (1 Cor. 11:3.)

The first Adam and Eve became one, and their name one, which was Adam and Eve—God. (Gen. 2:5.)

The first Adam and Eve are the joint head of the whole human family, on the natural plane.

“Yet to us there is but *one* God, the Father [the Creator], of Whom are all things [on the natural or mortal plane], and we by Him.” (1 Cor. 8:6.)

woman, Eve, the Church when glorified. (Coloss. 1:18.) Of man also.

Jesus, the second Adam, and the Church are to become one, and their name one (God), who will then become the “Christ,” God’s anointed. (Ephes. 5:29; Heb. 2:11; Acts 15:14.)

The second Adam and the glorified Church are to become the head of the whole human race on the celestial or immortal plane. (Rom. 8:21.)

“And one Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom are all things (on the spiritual or immortal plane), and we through Him. Howbeit there is not in all men that knowledge.” (1 Cor. 8:6-7.)

God’s order in the creation of man is: first, to create the natural man mortal; and second, to create the natural man spiritual or immortal through the Divine power vested in Christ and the glorified Church. Paul, in speaking of the two Adams, says:

"That was not first which is *spiritual*, but that which is *natural*, and afterward that which is *spiritual*." So we find that the first Adam was *not spiritual*. Proof of this is: "As in Adam all die [a natural death], even so in Christ shall *all* be made alive," made new creatures in Christ, a new creation. "And He that sitteth on the Throne [Christ, Jehovah] said: Behold, I make *all things new*." (Rev. 21:5; Matt. 25:31.) There is *nothing* left out, nothing lost—not even Judas Iscariot, for he only lost his bishopric. All are drawn to Christ, and reconciled to His Father, that God may be "*all in all*." We find this thought of the natural and the spiritual man pervading the whole Bible. Paul says: "Now the unspiritual man [or carnal man] receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor. 2:14.)

The primary purpose of God in giving to mankind the Bible is not to teach him the science of astronomy, zoölogy, geology, or any of the sciences in particular. The most wonderful truths of the Bible are buried deeply beneath types, symbols, allegories, metaphors, parables, and "dark saying." The carnal-minded man sees only the letter of the Word, but the man who has the spirit or mind of Christ searches for the deep-hidden treasures of God. "For the Spirit of God searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." (1 Cor. 2:10.) Jehovah's ideal of man is to have man bear the Divine image

and likeness of his Maker. Jesus Christ on the immortal or God plane is Jehovah's *ideal man*. Jesus Christ is the first one of all the race to bear the Divine image and likeness of His Maker, but He is not the last. Paul declares: "But we all beholding the glory of the Lord, in a face unveiled [we can see to the end of God's *finished work*, but with the great multitude the veil of ignorance is still on their faces, minds, and hearts], are transformed into the *same likeness from glory to glory*, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (1 Cor. 3:18.)

Knowing that it is generally conceded that the vast majority of mankind are candidates for eternal woe, misery, torture, and torment, or annihilation it is right that we stop and ask whether these things are so or not. The question is, Will only a few be saved and the many be lost eternally, or will *all* be finally saved and *none* lost eternally. The Word of God must decide the controversy. "As Thou [Jehovah] didst give Him [Christ] authority over *all flesh* [the whole race of mankind], so that *every thing* which Thou hast given to Him He may give to them— even *aionian life*" [endless life]. (John 17:2.) What does Christ do with all flesh which Jehovah gave to him? Glorious is the prospect! Eternal joy and gladness fill the heart of all who are privileged to look to the end of God's finished work. "Who shall fashion *anew* the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of His glory, according to the working whereby He is able to subject *all things unto Himself*." (Phil. 3:21.)

CALLS THINGS NOT IN BEING AS THOUGH EXISTING,
"ALTHOUGH THE WORKS WERE FINISHED (in
the Purpose of God] FROM THE FOUNDA-
TION OF THE WORLD." (Rom. 4:17;
Heb. 2:3; Ephes. 1:10.)

When Abraham was 100 years old and his wife 90, and they had no child, nor prospect of one, God said to Abraham: "A father of many nations I have constituted thee, like unto God, even God ["like unto Him," marg.] who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." (Rom. 4:17.) This most marvelous prophecy of the New Creation was confirmed by the unconditional oath-clad promise of God to Abraham. Paul, in referring to this oath (in Heb. 6:17), declares that God made a promise and sware to it, and that it was impossible for God to tell a lie and swear to it. This iron-clad oath includes "all the families of the earth" (Gen. 12:3), even to a thousand generations (Ps. 105:8), man, male and female (Gen. 1:27), and all the hosts of them (Gen. 2:1). Paul, the chief of sinners, could not make God break His oath.

This oath-bound promise has sole reference to the New Creation on the God plane, like unto God, even God. Charles Taze Russell limits this promise of God unto Abraham and his seed to the Church, the 144,000, and leaves all the remainder of mankind on the natural plane, with only the blessing of restitution; whereas it is through Christ and the glorified Church that *all* the families of the

earth are to be highly exalted to the God plane and become gods like unto God, "*even God.*" God summed up the whole matter to the prophet Isaiah as follows, saying: "I am God, and there is none like *Me*; declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure." (Isa. 46:10.) The things spoken of in Genesis 1 to Genesis 2:17, as existing near 6,000 years ago, are some of the ancient things not yet done, nor will they be done for unnumbered ages yet to come. In the first chapter of Genesis we have the spiritual or immortal image account of man given us first, and do not reach the natural or mortal creation of man until we come to the seventh verse of the second chapter. Take your Bible and look this up. In the first chapter God's finished work is given us, and God pronounced it "*very good.*" In the second chapter God's unfinished work is given us, and from a human standpoint of view we pronounce it *very bad*. Thus does God call things not in being or existence as though they were already in being or existence. Holding the above facts firmly in mind, we have the

KEYS TO THE DIVINE MYSTERIES,

and are prepared to suggest a few thoughts on Genesis 1 to Genesis 2:17, for the enlightening of the gentle reader who is tired of man-made creeds and is hungry for the deep truths of God, which reveal unto us how all the race of mankind will

eventually in "due time" be exalted to the God plane of immortality and *endless life*.

Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning God created the heavens [spiritual or immortal people, future from the time spoken] and the earth" [natural or mortal people, past from the time spoken].

Verse 2: "And the earth [the mortal or natural man] was without form and void [without a knowledge of the Divine Purpose and Plan], and darkness was upon the face of the deep [all flesh]. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" [peoples]. The Revelator comments on "waters" as follows: "The waters which thou sawest, where the harlot sitteth, are peoples, and nations, and multitudes, and tongues." (Rev. 17:50.)

Verse 3: "And God said, Let there be light" [an accurate knowledge of Jehovah, His Divine Plan and Purpose, as relates to the whole race of mankind]. Jesus Christ was that *light*, prophetically spoken of 4,004 years before He was born. The apostle John comments on that *light* as follows: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." (John 1:4.) He was spoken of in Genesis 1 as "light," but only so in the Divine Purpose and Plan, the Divine Mind. This is self-evident, for He could neither have life nor be the light of men *before* He was born. Jehovah spoke of Jesus as having being or existence 4,004 years *before* He was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary or born in Bethlehem and cradled in a manger. It is more reasonable, logical, scriptural, and easy to believe the simple plain account of the *origin*

of Jesus Christ than the "cunningly devised fables" of so-called "orthodoxy" about His pre-human existence. To affirm that He pre-existed is tantamount to saying that He existed before He existed. This is heterodox, a wild delusion born in the brain of theologians.

Verse 4: "And God saw the light, that it was good." Even Jesus was not "good," or perfect, on the natural plane. Hear the words of Jesus on this point: "Why dost thou call me *good*? God *alone* is good," or *perfect*. (Matt. 19:17.) He was perfect as a natural man on the human plane, but to this He had no reference when He said, "God *alone* is good." He was not perfected till the third day. Listen: "And He said unto them, Go and say to that fox [Herod], Behold, I cast out demons and do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be *perfected*." The third day here referred to was His resurrection from the dead, clothed with immortality and the power of an endless life; a God, like unto His Father. He then became Jehovah's *ideal man*, being in the image and likeness of Jehovah, *perfected*.

Verse 5: "And God called the light Day" [spiritual-minded people]. Paul says: "For ye are all sons of light and of the day, and not darkness." (1 Thess. 5:5.) "And the darkness He called Night" [carnally-minded people]. "But ye brethren are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." (1 Thess. 5:4.) "And the evening [the mortal or natural] and the morning [the spir-

itual] were the first day" [the spiritual man]. The Christ Head and body—His Bride, the two constituting the "one new man" (Ephes. 2:15). "It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body."

Verse 6: "And God said, Let there be a firmament [expanse, space, or division] in the midst of the waters [peoples], and let it divide the waters" [those without the true knowledge of God from those who have such knowledge]. It is the Bible truth that makes the expanse or division among the waters—the people.

Verse 7: "And God made the firmament [the expanse or division] and divided the waters [peoples] which were under the firmament [in a carnal state of mind] from the waters [peoples] which were above the firmament" [in the spiritual state of mind].

Verse 8: "And God called the firmament heaven [a state of spiritual life, joy and peace]. And the evening and the morning were the second day." "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you." (John 14:27.)

Verse 9: "And God said, Let the waters under the heavens [the whole world living in gross darkness] be gathered together into one place [or condition of ignorance], and let the dry land appear" [natural condition]. "Wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame." (Jude 1:13.)

Verse 10: "And God called the dry land earth [man's natural condition], and the gathering together of waters [peoples] called He seas" [the

great world of mankind without a knowledge of God]. "For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world in its wisdom *knew not God*, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (1 Cor. 1:21.)

Verse 11: "And God said, Let the earth [the natural man] bring forth grass," etc. Paul comments on it as "wood, hay, stubble." (1 Cor. 3:12.)

Verse 21: "And God created great sea monsters" [syndicates, monopolies, mergers, trusts, combines, shaving machines, grafting machines, stock brokers, Wall Street gamblers, "bulls and bears," "corners on the market," and what not].

Let the gentle reader take the *keys* and go on with the exegesis of the whole chapter.

Verse 26: "And God said, Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have *dominion*." Bear in mind, once and forever, that the above proposition to make man in the image and likeness of God, and crown them with dominion, is to be carried out *after* the natural man has been created, by taking him from the natural or *mortal* plane and exalting them (the whole race of mankind) to the spiritual, *immortal*, or *God* plane. Now comes the question, Who are the "Us" in God's proposition to make man in His image and likeness, and also to have dominion? The teaching of the rank and file of modern Bible expositors is, that God was talking to His Son Jesus Christ, of Whom it is affirmed that He had an existence far back in the annals of eternity, co-existent with Jehovah, God,

His Father, before the creation of the angels, or Jehovah laid the foundations of the earth; before there was a universe of diamond jets of light, which shout around their midnight thrones. From this view we kindly dissent and most solemnly *protest*, as being an egregious blunder—a great “heresy” and without any Bible proof whatever. We trust by the grace of God, as we proceed with the examination of this subject, that the gentle reader will let reason, common sense, and Bible truth sit firmly on the throne of his mind, and decide accordingly.

We shall now take up what is considered the strongest text in the Bible that the supporters of this great “heresy” bring forth to bolster up their false theory, for that is all it is in fact. We find it in John 17:5: “And now, O Father, glorify Thou me with Thyselv with the glory which I had with Thee before the *world to be*.” (Diaglot.) No Greek scholar would hazard his reputation by affirming that this is not a correct rendering of the Greek in this text. This text does not even hint that Christ had an existence with Jehovah before the present evil world was, but that it was the *glory* which will be given to Christ in the “*world to come*” (Heb. 1:5), “the *world to be*,” beginning with the Messianic Reign, in 1945. *That glory* was vested in Jehovah from the beginning, and spoken of in Genesis 1:26 and referred to in Isaiah 48:11. Christ said to His disciples, but a prayer to His Father, “And the *glory* which Thou hast given Me I have given unto them, that they may

be one, even as We are one." (John 17:22.) Did Christ mean to say that He had given to His disciples His pre-existence? Did He give them that which our opponents affirm He (Christ) is said to have had before the foundation of the world—a pre-existent life? Our opponents have no argument at all, but simply "beg the question" to bolster up their "heresy." It is the *glory* of the "*world to be*" that Christ promised to His disciples, if they would suffer with Him and be faithful even unto *death*. In the Divine picture which Jehovah has given us of His Son, He stands out before us as the Lamb of God slain from *before* the foundation of the world; yet He was not slain till about 4,034 years *after* the foundation of the world. How could He be slain *before* He became a Lamb, born in Bethlehem? Having fully established the *fact* all through this humble little volume, that Jesus Christ had no *existence* till He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary and born of her at Bethlehem of Judea, and that He was not Christ till He was *anointed* at Jordan, we rest the matter here, and affirm that Christ, the Immortal One on the God plane, is the *head one* of the "*Us*" Class, who is to have *dominion* over all the earth during the Messianic Reign, and onward till all rule, authority, and power is put down and God is *all in all*. But He is to have associated with Him 144,000 "joint heirs," "sanctified brethren," who are to share with Him the *glory* of the Kingdom Reign. Neither Christ nor the Church have yet entered

into that glory the Father promised Him, and He (Christ) promised the Church—the glory of “*the world to be*,” nor can they do so till the kingdom is “set up,” established, in 1945. It is yet *only* prospective. Is He to be a king? So are they. Is He to be a judge? So are they. Is he to be a king-priest? So are they. Is He to be a mediator? So are they. Is He to have a throne? So are they. Has He the power of life and death? So will they have. Is He to have *dominion from sea to sea*, and from the rivers to the end of the earth? So are they. Is He to have authority to break the nations with a rod of iron? So are they. Is He not to be the Father of the race of all mankind when it is *re-generated*? Are not the 144,000, the Bride, the Lamb’s wife, to assist Him in the *re-generation* of the race and thus become the mother of all mankind? Is not all this and much more the glory which God promised to Christ, and He has promised to the Church when exalted to the God plane? Are not these things the things the angels desired to look into and all about the time or manner of time when they should be accomplished?

THE EARTH TO BE REPLENISHED BY THIS MYSTERIOUS “US” CLASS, THE CHRIST HEAD AND BODY.

“*Replenish*: To recover former fulness.”—Webster. The word in Latin is from *re*, meaning “again” and *plenus*, meaning “full.” So we find that the earth is to be made *full again*. It will have been made full of mortal Adamic stock at the end of a

thousand generations. Further, at the end of that period it is to be made full of regenerated stock on the immortal or God plane. We may illustrate it by a mammoth cistern partly filled with water, with an inflow pipe and an outflow pipe. While the natural, mortal Adamic stock is filling up the world with inhabitants through the inflow pipe, so to speak, Christ and the glorified Church on the immortal or God plane are to be emptying the earth of its natural mortal inhabitants by means of the outflow pipe, so to speak; and thus it is to be refilled with the New Creation at the end of a thousand generations (Ps. 105:8). "Behold, I [Christ] make *all things new*." This work of filling and refilling will most likely be accomplished at the end of 49,000 years. But before the earth can be replenished or filled full again, it must be emptied. "Behold, Jehovah maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down [it is down side up now], and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof." (Isa. 24:1.) It is not made empty at once, nor is it filled at once. The emptying began with Jesus Christ, Who was of Adamic stock, "the offspring of David," the "seed" of the "woman"—the Virgin Mary. If there was a Christ who existed far back in the annals of eternity, before Jesus became the Christ at His *anointing* at Jordan, then we have two Christs! And as a result the Church has *two heads on one body*, which is a frightful "mongrel." It is the "seed of the woman" that is to bruise the serpent's head,

and not some imaginary theological "myth" that existed untold millions of years before even the woman was born of whom the Saviour was to be born. Marvelous indeed that men calling themselves the "embassadors for God" should have the boldness and blindness to take that first dim but Divine promise of a Saviour *to come*, given in Genesis 3:15, and hide it away in a dark cave, or lay it up on the shelf of oblivion, and then offer to the world a myth, or a "cunningly devised fable," for a Saviour. It cannot be that the writers of this little volume live in a "glass house," therefore they are not afraid to throw these stones of truth at the enemies of truth. When Jesus Christ was taken from the natural or mortal plane, and highly exalted to the immortal or God plane, the work of replenishing the earth began. But the emptying or refilling of the earth has gone no farther as yet, save to take out a "people for His name" from among the Gentiles. This work of taking out the people for His name will end at the first resurrection in 1945. What is the name? The name is *God*. Christ got His name by "inheritance" (Hebrews 1:4). We, the "little flock" (Luke 12:32), the Church to be glorified, obtain our new name by being *adopted* into the family of God. The Church are now "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ," prospectively so by faith, but actually so by being born out of the death condition at the first resurrection. So the "new name" given to the Church "on a white stone,"

which no man knoweth it but he that receiveth it (Rev. 2:17), is God (Rev. 3:12). We, the Church, have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, "Abba, Father." Only those who understand this can intelligently say, "Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name." Only those who now bear that new name will be glorified in the first or chief resurrection in 1945, when Jesus comes to be glorified in His saints. Not till *then* will the harvest, or any portion of it, take place. "Behold, a secret I disclose to you: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump [not one will be changed a moment before]; for it will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we [the living saints] shall be changed." (1 Cor. 15:51-52.) Both the living and the dead in Christ, bearing His name, will *all* be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Now, dear people of God, what have you to say about the resurrection having taken place in 1878, according to the dates of that well-meaning man, C. T. Russell? What have I to do with separating the wheat from the tares? Jesus said to let the wheat and the tares grow together till the harvest, and that the harvest is the *end of the age*. It is high time that the wheat and tares among Bible Students quit trying to root each other up, but let all grow till the harvest—the *end of the Gospel Age*. What a miserable wrangle and jangle International Bible Students are now pass-

ing through because they have not understood these things and rightly divided the words of truth. This quick and sudden change of the whole Church was typed by Elijah. He was taken from Elisha in a moment, as it were, by a whirlwind into Heaven. "And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof!" Elijah was the *one man* symbolizing the one body of Christ, the 144,000, the one Bride, *all* to be changed at the last trump, the Resurrection Day, 1945, 10 a. m., the twentieth day of September. Then the earth will be emptied of so many of its inhabitants, and at the same time replenished with the same number. The harvest work, separating the wheat from the tares, precedes the resurrection.

I have heard my Father calling
For a people for Christ's Bride.
On my ears 'tis sweetly falling;
There's no voice so sweet beside.

Christ and the Church, 144,400 and *one*, compose the family of God, Jehovah, on the God plane. The remainder of the human family, when exalted to the God plane by Christ and the Church, compose the family of Christ and the Church. Bear in mind that Christ and the Church are to be the regenerators on the heavenly plane. "When we see Him, we shall be like Him [Christ]; for we shall see Him as He *is*" [not as He was]. When 144,000 gods begin the work of the regeneration of the race, the work will progress very rapidly. Hal-

lelujah, what a Saviour! Jesus spoke these great truths about men on the mortal plane becoming *gods* to the Jews, but they said to Him: "For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy, and that because thou, being a man, makest thyself God." Jesus answered them: "Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If He [Jehovah] called them gods, unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), say ye of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God?" (John 10:33-36.) That the reader may know that Jesus did not misrepresent His Father in saying that the Jews (and all mankind, for that matter) were gods (in the plan and purpose of Jehovah), I quote what Jesus said was written in their law: "I said, Ye are gods; and *all of you* sons of the Most High. Nevertheless ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes." (Ps. 82:6-7.) Surely the Jews were not gods when they were thirsting for His blood. Jesus told them that they were of their father the Devil, and the works of their father they would do.

This statement of the Master was prophetic and pointed forward to Jehovah's finished work in the Ages to come. As said before, all humanity will be taken from the natural or mortal state or condition and translated to the immortal state or condition, in God's "due time," according to Romans 8:21, which reads as follows: "That the

creation itself [the whole race of mankind] shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the liberty of the children of God." Thus we find that the whole earth is to be replenished, re-filled, filled again, according to the prophetic statement of Genesis 1:26, "Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have *dominion*," by this mysterious "Us" Class, "the Christ," Head and body. In this first chapter of Genesis we have a comprehensive view of a thousand generations of natural or mortal men, by the first Adam and Eve, and also the *re-generation* of these thousand generations, exalting them to the immortal or God plane, through Christ and the glorified Church. Strange indeed that so many would-be Bible Students should take all the prophecies which point *forward to Christ and the glorified Church*, and turn them around, and make them point *backward to an imaginary Christ*—a "myth"! Still stranger yet that men of brains can be made to believe and preach that Jesus Christ is older than the Holy Spirit that begat Him in the womb of the Virgin Mary! Thus we find by every count and score, all through the Bible, that Jesus Christ had no existence *before* He was begotten of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and was born of her in Bethlehem, and that through Christ and the glorified Church "the heavens and the earth were finished, and *all the hosts of them*" (Gen. 2:1). "I am God, and there is *none like Me* [not even Christ when this was spoken, or written],

declaring the *end* from the *beginning* [so declared in Genesis 1:26], and from ancient times the things that are not *yet done*." "And we bring you *good tidings* [though some will regard it as rank "heresy"] of the promise made unto the fathers, that God *hath fulfilled* the same unto our children, in that He raised up Jesus, as also it is written in the second psalm: Thou art My Son; this day [day of His resurrection] have I begotten Thee. And as concerning that He raised Him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, He hath spoken on this wise: I will give you the *sure mercies of David*." "Because He saith also in another psalm: Thou wilt not give Thine Holy One to see corruption." The conclusion is *inevitable*, and *unalterably* and *eternally* fixed by the *unimpeachable* word of Jehovah, that God has but *one* "*only begotten*" Son, and that this Son was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified on a Roman cross, died and was buried, and the third day burst the barriers of the tomb, chaining death, hell, and the grave to His chariot wheels, and forty days after ascended to His Father on high, and will there *remain* till the *end* of the Gospel Age in 1945, and then, and not till *then*, He will return again to meet His Bride in the "*air*" and take her into the everlasting kingdom, which Jehovah will have fully established by that date. Any other view than this makes it necessary for God to have *two* "*only begotten*" Sons.

"Be not afraid [of these glad tidings]; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a *Saviour*, Who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10.) As for me, I will shout with the "multitude of the heavenly host," praising God and saying, "*Glory to God in the highest!* on earth *peace* and good will to men." Dear reader, I have no objection to *you* shouting with the theologians if you prefer to do so, after having carefully and prayerfully studied these things from a Bible standpoint. "Consider what I say; for the Lord shall give thee understanding in all things. *Remember Jesus Christ risen from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel.*" (2 Tim. 2:7.) "Behold, the days come [future], saith Jehovah, that I will raise unto David a righteous *branch*." (Jer. 23:5.) "Behold the man whose name is The *Branch*." (Zech. 6:12.) On the natural or mortal plane, David was the "root" and Jesus was the 'Branch'; on the immortal or God plane, *Christ* is to be the "Root" and David is to be the "branch." This "Branch of David," this "offspring of David," is set at naught of our modern Temple tinkerers. On this immortal or God plane, Christ is not only the "Root" of David, but He is the "Root" of the whole human family. The "Root" will bear branches of its own kind. As the "Root" is a God like unto Jehovah, so the branches [the whole human race] will be gods like unto Jehovah.

“And in *none other* is there salvation; for neither is there any *other name* under heaven, that is given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12.) *This is your only hope of salvation. “Worthy is the Lamb.”*

Mary had a little Lamb,
With morals white as snow.
In Bethlehem the Lamb was born,
Two thousand years ago.
In Him *alone* we must be saved;
We know there is *none other*.
He holds the *keys* of death and hell;
He is our *Elder Brother*.

Jehovah looked down over the cycling “Ages of the Ages” and saw His *finished work* “done,” through Christ and the glorified Church. “And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was *very good.*” (Gen. 1:31.) “And there shall be no more any thing accursed; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein, and His servants shall serve Him.” (Rev. 22:3.) Glory to the Great *I Am!* And worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

RESTITUTION FIRST, RE-CREATION SECOND.

When Jehovah placed Adam in the Garden of Eden, on trial, He gave him a perfect organism, and the power of choice, and endowed him with the mental ability to choose good and to resist evil—free to obey God and live, or disobey God and die. This one law of life and death pervades the whole Bible, but nowhere sets up the claim

that death is eternal non-existence, either in this age or in the Ages to come. The whole race of mankind had its first trial in Adam, and failed. We may say that if Jehovah had created in the beginning a thousand generations of people like Adam's posterity will be and has been, natural men, mortal, subject to vanity, and placed them on trial as Adam was placed, the result would be the same, only with this difference or distinction: If each one of the thousand generations failed as Adam did, it would require as many Saviours to redeem the race as there would be individuals composing the generations. So we must console ourselves that the plan of Jehovah, in dealing with His creatures as He has done and is still doing, is the very best that His Divine Wisdom could devise. The Divine Plan must of necessity be absolutely *perfect*, and could not be improved upon even by Himself; for He can make no mistakes or be disappointed by any contingency in whatever course His creatures might pursue. If death were an eternal sleep, and Jehovah could go down into death to pay the penalty for sin, He never could come out of death any more, and hence could not redeem the race. The same reasoning holds true if eternal torment is true. The same logic holds good if annihilation is true or valid. Anyone going down into death as a substitute for any of the above penalties *could not* be the Saviour of the race. Such a penalty holds both the substitute and the race of mankind, and never could be paid. The record does not say

how long Adam was to remain *dead*. But let us suppose that the penalty for Adam's sin was death for "three days and three nights," and someone takes it upon himself to pay the penalty, and goes down into death, as Christ did, and remains dead for that length of time, and then comes forth a victor out of death; that *fact* shows that the penalty is fully paid. Suppose, again, that the one who assumes the obligation of paying the penalty should fail to come back into life in the specified time; this would be conclusive evidence that the penalty was *not* paid. Jehovah *might* have said to Adam, "If you eat of that tree which I told you not to eat of or touch, I will shut you up in a dark cave for a certain length of time to punish you for your disobedience, and then I will let you out again, and if you will not be obedient, I will shut you up again," etc.; but He did not do that.

The first thing before the world goes on trial is to perfect their mental organism. A just God cannot require of anyone more than his ability to perform. It would be folly to think of placing lunatics, fools, idiots, and babies on trial for life eternal. Jehovah did not do this in the case of Adam in Eden. The whole race was reckoned perfect in Adam, in its mentality and organism on the natural plane. The whole race was condemned in Adam as the representative man or head of the race. So *all* die in Adam. Jesus, the second Adam on the natural plane, canceled the sin of the first Adam on the natural plane, and the whole

race who sinned in him; "He gave Himself a ransom for all." He bore the sin of the whole world in His body on the tree. The Adamic debt having been canceled, this clears the way for an *individual trial* through Christ for the whole race. This trial will be a judgment unto victory. "O grave, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" Death will be swallowed up in *victory*. Christ's victory over death is not complete as long as any one of Adam's race remains in death. "God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world [not the Church] in righteousness by that *Man* whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto *all* men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." (Acts 17:31.) Christ could have no right to judge the whole world if He had not bought the whole world. So it is written of Him: "And thou shalt call His name *Jesus*; for it is *He* that shall save His people *from their sins*." (Matt. 1:21.) They were *not* His people *before* He bought them with His own precious blood on Calvary's cross. There and *then* He bought the whole race of mankind. So the invincible logic of it all is, that He will save *from sin all* He bought. When *all* His people are saved from sin and death, there will be nothing left in sin for death to reign over; so death will be annihilated, destroyed. In this great Judgment Day of the anointed Christ, Head and body, at least one hundred years (Isa. 65:20) will be given to each individual for trial and restitution, under the reign of the Anointed, which is not due

to begin till 1945. "Or know ye not that the saints shall judge the world" (1 Cor. 6:2) during its trial days, the Ages to come (Ephes. 2:7)?

The Holy Spirit will be poured out on all flesh (Joel 2:28) as fast as all flesh is restituted, brought back to Adamic mental and physical perfection, or manhood. The Holy Spirit was not poured out on Jesus, the natural Adam, till He had reached manhood, about thirty years of age (Luke 3:23), and then His trial for immortality and eternal life began. His trial resulted in victory, and Jehovah highly exalted Him to the God plane. With the Church which is now on trial for immortality and eternal life it is quite different. On account of not having Adamic perfection, its deficiency is made up by the imputed merit of Jesus Christ. "My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye may not sin. And if any man [adopted by faith into the family of God] sin, we have an advocate with the Father [Christ is not advocate for the world now], Jesus Christ, the righteous. And He is a propitiation on account of our sins; and not on account of ours *only*, but also on account of *the whole world*." (1 John 2:1-2.) Christ Jesus, the righteous One, will not become the advocate for the world till its trial for judgment Day begins in 1945.

But before a fair, full, and impartial trial for eternal life can be had, restitution must be accomplished. One of the Saviour's parables makes this truth plain. The seed of the "sower" who

went forth to sow fell upon four different kinds of ground: the hard-trodden "wayside," "among thorns," on "stony ground," and "in good soil." Only that seed which fell in good ground brought forth fruit to perfection. It is mental and physical restitution that prepares the great stony-hearted world to receive the seeds of truth in the Messianic Reign. "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, healing all manner of diseases and all manner of sickness." (Matt. 9:35.) This is a type of what must be done when Christ begins His kingdom reign. "And they come to Jesus, and behold him that was possessed of demons, sitting, clothed, and in his *right mind*, even him that had the legion." (Mark 5:15.) This is another of the many types pointing forward to the coming Kingdom Ages, and what must be done for the people before they can enter upon a fair and impartial trial for eternal life. "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you." (Isa. 35:4.) This is when Christ comes into His kingdom, 1945. "Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped; then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert." If you want to know more about this subject, get your Bible and read the whole of the chapter.

“And His disciples asked Him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?” From time immemorial, men have been wont to associate physical calamities, financial losses, and crosses with some great sin the person has committed; but this is not always true by any means. “Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.” (John 9:2-3.) There are millions of people who have been born blind naturally, and died blind, who were in no sense to blame for their misfortune. Still others have become blind since being born through no fault of theirs. Natural blindness is typical of another kind of blindness more disastrous than physical blindness. The whole world is spiritually *blind*—born so. “Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; in sin did my mother conceive me.” “And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that are perishing; in whom the god of this age hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them.” (2 Cor. 4:3.) In Isaiah 61:1-6 and onward we learn that Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit for the very purpose of opening “the prison to them that are bound” and proclaiming the day of Jehovah’s favor to all that mourn. What He did while here in the flesh is but a faint type of what He will do in the coming kingdom. The prophet of God calls special attention to this future

work of the anointed Christ Head and body when He comes into His kingdom. He refers to the kingdom under the figure or symbol of a "mountain," as follows: "And in this mountain will Jehovah of hosts [a thousand generations of peoples] make unto *all peoples* a feast of fat things [hitherto we have had it that the feast of *fat things* was only for a few of this present Gospel Age, and the remainder were to be eternally damned], a feast of wines on the lees [wines of the kingdom], of fat things full of marrow [theologians who have been preaching eternal "torment" together with their flocks have become very "lean" and need some spiritual fat or oil or they may dry up and blow away], of wines on the lees well refined. And He will destroy ["swallow up," marg.] in this mountain [Kingdom of Christ] the face of the covering that covereth *all peoples*, and the veil that is spread over *all nations*. [When the "covering" is destroyed and the "veil" is removed, world-wide wars will cease.] He hath swallowed up *death forever* [when this is done, no one will remain *dead*], and the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from *all faces*, and the reproach of His people will He take away from *off all the earth* ["Praise ye the Lord!"]; for Jehovah hath spoken it [if you deny it, you are an infidel]. And it shall be said in *that day* [that kingdom day, not *this* gospel day or age, in which the Bride is being selected], "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is Jehovah; we will rejoice in

His salvation. For in this mountain [Kingdom of Christ] will the hand of Jehovah rest." (Isa. 25:6-10.) Jesus, the anointed Son of God, the "faithful and true witness," in whom was no guile, confirmed this statement of Jehovah when He said, "I will draw *all* men unto Me." Jesus Christ said: "It is written in the prophets, And they shall *all* be taught of God." This leaves no one in ignorance of God. "And all thy children shall be taught of Jehovah." (Isa. 54:13.) "He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make *all* things new." (Rev. 21:5.) They are *all* first taught of God, and afterward made new. "And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and *death shall be no more*. Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain *any more*." (Rev. 21:4.) "All the ends of the earth shall *remember* and *turn unto Jehovah*. And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee." (Ps. 22:27.)

But again. We have been told that restitution ends with the Millennial Reign, and then from that time forward everlasting life *only* is offered, conditioned on continued obedience to Divine law. Right there our Restitution Age people drop the whole matter, and fail to see that restitution is only a preliminary necessity, and must be accomplished before anyone can have a fair and impartial trial for immortality and eternal life. What use could lunatics, fools, idiots, and babies make of the Holy Spirit? Jehovah's *ideal* of the New Creation of the race is Jesus Christ on the God plane, almighty, ever-living, immortal, able to

work all things after the counsel of their own wills. So we find that Jesus Christ is Jehovah's *ideal* of man in the image and likeness of God. Because in Him dwells *all* the fullness of the Deity bodily (Col. 2:9). "In which is stored all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Col. 2:3.) When Jesus was on the natural or mortal plane, He said: "My Father is greater than I." (John 14:28.) For He was then bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, made like unto His brethren, for the suffering of death. Paul speaks of Him on the natural plane as follows: "Who, though being in God's form, yet did not meditate a usurpation to be like God, but divested Himself, and took a bondman's form, having [first] been made in the likeness of men." (Phil. 2:6-7.) A mortal man, but second on the God plane, perfected in His organism, an immortal being, in which now dwells all the fullness of the Deity, with *all* His attributes. It did not rob God of any of His attributes or glory for Christ to be highly exalted to the God plane and Divine nature, and become equal with God. On the contrary, it glorified God. God has given to the Church (first, before the world) the right or privilege of becoming sons of God on the God plane, "joint heirs" with Christ, "partakers of the Divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). "Have this mind in you, which also was in Christ Jesus:" (Phil. 2:5.) For it is the shining light that shineth more and more on the upward pathway to the throne of the Eternal. Such a mind will not rob God of any of

His glory. What was the mind that was in Christ Jesus? It was this: It would not rob God for Christ to aspire to be equal with God. Neither will it rob God for me or anyone to aspire to be equal with God. As Christ is God's ideal man, and as Christ is the head of every man, it logically follows that every man should aspire to be a god "like unto God—even God." To attain to such a state or condition would not rob God. If I were "altogether lovely," it would not rob me of any of my loveliness for all my sons and daughters to be like me. Exceeding great and precious promises are given to us all, that by these we all might become "partakers of the *Divine nature*" (2 Peter 1:4). This is the *mind* that was in Christ Jesus.

THE GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY WHICH SHALL
BE TO ALL PEOPLE; THE GOSPEL OF GOD
IN TYPE AND ANTITYPE.

Abraham in his old age begat a son, Isaac (Gen. 21:7); Jehovah in His old age begat a Son, Jesus (Luke 1:35). Abraham offered his son in sacrifice (Gen. 22:3-10), and received him in a figure from the dead (Heb. 11:19); God offered His Son in sacrifice (1 Cor. 15:3-4). Abraham took Isaac to his own home, after he in figure received him as from the dead; God took Jesus to His (Jehovah's) home after He raised Him from the dead (Heb. 8:1). Isaac afterwards got married, but he did not select his own wife, but Abraham sent Eleazar, his eldest servant, that ruled over all that Abraham had, to select a wife for Isaac (Gen. 24:4), and he met a

virgin maid, Rebecca by name, at the well where she came to draw natural water; so God sent his oldest servant, the Holy Spirit, to select a "chaste virgin," the Church, to be the Bride of Jesus (2 Cor. 11:2), and the Holy Spirit met the chaste virgin on the day of Pentecost, when she came to draw the spiritual water from the great well of salvation (Acts 2:1-4), which would be in them a well of water springing up into everlasting life (John 4:14). Isaac and Rebecca meet in the open plain and greet each other (Gen. 24:64), and after this meeting on the open plain, Isaac took his bride into his mother's tent; Christ and the Church, the bride, the Lamb's wife, meet in the open plain in the "air" (1 Thess. 4:17) and greet each other, and Christ then takes His Bride to His mother Mary's tent, the earth, a dwelling-place at Jerusalem, where the throne of Christ and the Bride is to be established, according to the Scriptures, as the "tabernacle" of God with men (Rev. 21:3). Isaac loved Rebecca; Christ loved the Church. List the carol of the bridegroom: "Behold, thou art fair, my *love*; behold, thou art fair; thine eyes are as doves' behind thy veil." (Song of Sol. 4:1.) List the carol of the Bride: "My Beloved is white and ruddy, the *chiefest* among ten thousand; His head is as the most fine gold; His locks are bushy and black as a raven; His eyes are as doves' eyes, beside the water brooks; His mouth is most sweet; yea, He is altogether *lovely*. This is my *Beloved*, and this is my *Friend*." (Song of Sol.

5:10-11, 16.) Isaac is comforted after the death of his mother; Christ is comforted after the death of His mother. Isaac and Rebecca were to become the father and mother of thousands of millions on the natural plane (Gen. 24:60); Christ and the glorified Church are to become the father and mother of thousands of millions on the spiritual or God plane (Isa. 9:6; Rom. 4:17 and 8:21).

JOSEPH ON THE NATURAL OR MORTAL PLANE TYPES
JESUS ON BOTH THE NATURAL OR MORTAL
PLANE AND ON THE SPIRITUAL, IM-
MORTAL, OR GOD PLANE.

"It is sown an animal body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is an animal body, there is also a spiritual body. The spiritual, however, was not the *first*, but the *natural*, afterward the spiritual." (1 Cor. 15:44-46.) When Jacob was old, he begat a son, Joseph; when Jehovah was old, He begat a Son, Jesus. Joseph, Jacob's son, was born of a woman; Jesus, Jehovah's "only begotten Son," was born of a woman, Mary by name. Joseph could not be *older* than his mother; Jesus could not be *older* than His mother. Joseph was hated by his brethren without a cause (Gen. 37:4); Jesus was hated without a cause (Ps. 35:19; Luke 23:40; John 15:25). Joseph was a revealer of secrets, visions and dreams (Gen. 41:5-36); Jesus a revealer of secrets, visions, dreams, symbols, and parables (Matt. 13:40; Luke 24:27). Joseph worked in the harvest-field with his brethren before he went into a far country, Egypt (Gen. 37:7-8); Jesus worked in

the Jewish harvest with His brethren, the disciples, a short time before He went into a far country, Heaven (John 5:17). Joseph's garments were stained with blood at the hands of his brethren (Gen. 37:31); Jesus' garments were stained with blood (John 19:34). Joseph was put into a dry pit (Gen. 37:28); Jesus was put into a dry pit, cut out of stone (Matt. 37:59). Joseph was sold to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver (Gen. 37:28); Jesus was sold for thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and Jewish people (Matt. 26:14-15). Joseph was taken out of the pit alive, and his natural life prolonged (Gen. 37:28); Jesus was taken out of the pit alive, with the power of an endless life (Rev. 1:18). Joseph's enemies sought to kill him, but God provided for him a way of escape by sending him to Egypt (Gen. 45:5); Jesus' enemy, Herod, sought to kill Him, but God sent Him down into Egypt to preserve His life, till Herod and all that sought His life were dead (Matt. 2:13). Joseph was put into prison in Egypt because he would not surrender his virtue to a vile woman, a hypocrite, Potiphar's wife (Gen. 39:20); Jesus was put into prison because He would not surrender His virtue, or morals, and join in sectarian worship, and play the hypocrite as did the scribes and Pharisees (Isa. 53:81). Jehovah was with Joseph (Gen. 39:21); Jehovah was with Jesus in Egypt (Matt. 2:19-20). Joseph's feet were hurt with fetters of iron down in Egypt (Ps. 105:18); Jesus' feet were hurt with iron nails when He was nailed to the cross (Ps. 22:16).

Joseph left his garments in the hands of that vile woman who persecuted him because he would not surrender his virtue (Gen. 39:12); Jesus left His garments in the hands of His persecutors (Ps. 22:18; Matt. 27:35). Joseph showed the chief butler that within three days he would be taken from prison and exalted to become Pharaoh's natural cup-bearer, a very great honor (Gen. 40:13); Jesus was taken from prison, the tomb, after three days, and exalted to the God plane, next to Jehovah, to bear the "cup of blessing" to His brethren, and next to all the world (Matt. 26:26). Through Joseph an abundance of natural food was stored away for the Egyptians in time of famine (Gen. 41:36); through Jesus an abundance of spiritual food was stored away, first for His brethren, and next for all Egypt (the whole world) (John 21:15-18 and John 6:51). To Joseph the command was given, "Bow the knee," and all Egypt obeyed (Gen. 41:43); to Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:10). Joseph was exalted to be the ruler of all Egypt, only Pharaoh on the throne was higher (Gen. 41:40); Jesus has been "highly exalted" to be the ruler of all Egypt (the world in the coming Ages of the Ages), Jehovah only being higher on the throne (1 Cor. 15:27-28). Joseph was king-priest over all Egypt, having married Asenath, the daughter of the priest of On (the City of the Sun), and had all religious matters under his control as well as matters of state; Jesus is to

be a King-Priest, and is to marry the Church in the first resurrection, at His second coming, and is to have full control of all Egypt (the whole world) during the coming ages (Rev. 19:16). Joseph was thirty years of age when he stood before Pharaoh, king of all Egypt (Gen. 41:46); Jesus was about thirty years of age when He stood before Jehovah, the Ruler of the whole world, and began to teach (Luke 3:23). Joseph made a great dinner for his brethren *first*, for it was an abomination for Egyptians to eat with the Hebrews (Gen. 43:31); Jesus first served His brethren, the twelve disciples, at the Passover supper, and He will next serve all Egypt (the world) in the coming ages (Rom. 1:16). Joseph bought all the land of Egypt, for the famine was sore upon all the land (Gen. 47:20); Jesus bought all the land of Egypt (the whole world), for the spiritual famine is sore upon all the land (1 Cor. 6:20; Amos 8:11-12). To Joseph was given a change of raiment when he was released from the prison and came before Pharaoh, king of all Egypt (Gen. 41:14); to Jesus was given a change of raiment when He was released from the prison-house of death and appeared before Jehovah, King of all the world. Jesus was changed from mortal to immortal—exalted to the God plane. Joseph gave to all his brethren changes of raiment (Gen. 45:22); Jesus will give to His brethren 144,000 changes of raiment in the first resurrection, clothe them with immortality, and crown them with eternal life (1 Cor. 15:51-52). Joseph bought all

the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, and the land became Pharaoh's (Gen. 47:20); Jesus bought all the land of Egypt (the world) for Jehovah, and at the end of the Messianic Reign all the land of Egypt (the world) will become Jehovah's (Ps. 24:1). Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel that they would carry his bones up out of the land of Egypt to the land of Canaan when God should visit them in after years (Gen. 50:20); Jesus' bones (not flesh and blood, but flesh and bones) were taken up from Egypt (the world) at His resurrection, and taken to the heavenly Canaan (Heb. 8:1-2). Joseph's brethren, all the hosts of them, all Israel, go up out of the land of Egypt, to go into the land of Canaan (Ex. 12:51); Jesus' brethren according to the flesh are to go up out of the land of Egypt (the world) by their hosts, a thousand generations (Ps. 105:8), to the heavenly Canaan (condition) in the Ages to come (Gen. 2:1; Ephes. 1:10; Col. 1:15-20). Joseph and his wife Asenath became the father and mother of a great host of people—England and America, and these two great nations are their descendants, both those living and those dead; Jesus and His Bride, the wife of the Lamb, the 144,000, are to become the Father and Mother of thousands of millions on the God plane (Rom. 8:21 and 4:6; Isa. 9:6). Joseph was selected to teach the elders (law-makers, senators) of Pharaoh wisdom (Ps. 105:22); Jesus was selected to teach the elders (senators, law-makers, priests—Ps. 45:16) wisdom, and they shall be kings

and priests and reign on the earth (Rev. 5:9-10).

List the blessings of Joseph, from Jacob, his father, who types Jehovah: "The blessings of thy father, even by the God of thy father, Who shall help thee, and by the Almighty, Who shall bless thee with the blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that coucheth beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb; blessings that have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills [the Rocky Mountains]; they shall be upon the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren." (Gen. 49:25-27.)

List the blessings of Jesus, from Jehovah, His Father: "And I saw, and heard a voice of many angels, in a circle of the throne, and of the living ones, and of the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, Worthy is *that Lamb* [Mary's glorified Lamb] which was killed to receive the power, and wealth, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, and all things in them; all I heard saying, To Him who sits on the *throne*, and to the *Lamb*, be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the might, for the *Ages of the Ages*. And the four living ones said, *Amen*. And the elders fell down and did *homage*." (Rev. 5:11-14, Diaglot).

DIVISION OF THE LAND OF CANAAN AMONG THE TRIBES, IN TYPE AND ANTITYPE.

In Exodus 19:1-6 we find that in the third month after God led the children of Israel out of Egypt He organized them into a kingdom, and afterward divided the land of Canaan to them by "lot" (Acts 13:19), for an inheritance for about 450 years. After that He gave them judges till Samuel the prophet; then they clamored for a king to go in and out before them and fight their battles for them. After that God gave them kings for 513 years, till they were carried captives to Babylon and their kingdom overturned in 606 B. C. by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. God had promised to take away their tin and dross, and restore their counselors and judges as at the first, and they should be called "A city of righteousness, a faithful town" (Isa. 1:26). But first they were to be scattered among the Gentiles (Luke 1:24) till the times (years) of the Gentiles should be fulfilled (1914) and God would take out from among the Gentiles "a people for His name" (Acts 15:16-17), to be immortalized kings and priests of Israel when restored (Rev. 5:9-10; 20:4-6). The restoration of all Israel, both living and dead, the rebuilding of the grand Temple at Jerusalem, and the division of the land (Ex. 19:6; Jer. 31:31-40; Ezek. 16:36-37, 46-48; Dan. 12; Rom. 11:12-16, and especially Acts 15:16-17), are most vividly and beautifully set forth in the above scriptures cited, and many more which space forbids in this work.

“THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB.” (Rev. 19:7.)

There is a vast *difference* between the *marriage of the Lamb* and the *marriage supper* of the Lamb. The Spirit of God uses the symbol of a marriage, that with which we are all familiar, to portray to the mind that most blessed relationship of Christ and the glorified Church in future kingdom work in a sin-wrecked world. It uses the symbol of a *marriage supper* to convey to the mind the “glad tidings of great joy which shall be to *all people*” when all the world is invited by “the Spirit and the Bride” to come and drink of the water of life freely (Rev. 22:17). Life and salvation for the *whole race of Adam* is symbolized by “a *river* of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb” (Rev. 22:1). This water of life is spoken of by the Saviour as a “well of water, springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14), in each member of the 144,000, the Bride class. These 144,000 wells of the water of life will produce the “*fountain*” of the water of life, to be opened up to the “house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and uncleanness” (Zech. 13:1). This “fountain for sin and uncleanness” will continue to flow on down through a thousand years, swelling into a mighty *river* at the end of the Millennial Reign of Christ and the glorified Church. “And he showed me a *river* of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb.” (Rev. 22:1.)

(Tune: “The Cleansing Wave.”)

Oh, I'm so glad to me He 's shown
This *river* deep and wide!
'Twill flow from out the Great White Throne,
Through Christ and His dear Bride.

Chorus.

The Spirit and the Bride say, Come,
And “whosoever will” may come.
This crystal *river* of free grace
Will flow for *all* the dying race.

This cleansing *river*, deep and wide,
This world will sometime know,
And how the “*fountain*” was supplied
From “*well-springs*” here below.

For *cleansing* shall the *river* be,
While ages come and go,
Till all the world so cursed with sin
Is washed “as white as snow.”

The “ransomed” from the tomb shall sing,
Without a broken chord;
The *universe* shall crown Him *King*,
And bow before the *Lord*.

“They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house, and Thou wilt make them drink of the *river* of Thy pleasures.” (Ps. 36:8.)
“There is a *river*, the streams whereof shall make glad the City of God, the holy place of the taber-

nacles of the Most High." (Ps. 46:4.) "Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it; Thou greatly enrichest it with the *river of God*." (Ps. 65:9.) "Make a joyful noise unto God, *all* the earth; sing forth the glory of His name; make His praise glorious; say unto God, How terrible are Thy works! Through the greatness of Thy *power* shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee; *all the earth shall worship Thee*, and shall sing unto Thee; they shall sing to Thy name." (Ps. 106:1-3.)

The marriage *supper* of the Lamb, when made at the beginning of the Messianic Reign, is to continue to a thousand generations; about only one hundred have as yet been born. It is to be "a feast of fat things" all down through the "Ages of the Ages" to the "Age without end." In the nineteenth chapter of Revelation we have a rehearsal of many things enumerated in Revelation 5:11-14, especially the great rejoicing and loud anthems of praise because of the *marriage of the Lamb*, which took place at the beginning of the thousand years. The nineteenth chapter of Revelation begins as follows: "After these things I heard a *loud* voice as of a great *crowd* in Heaven, saying, *Halleluiah!* The *salvation*, and the *glory*, and the *power* of our *God*. Because true and righteous are His judgments; because He judged [past tense] the *Great Harlot*, who corrupted [past tense] the earth with her fornication [in her 1260 years' reign during the so-called Dark Ages], and avenged the blood of His servants shed by her hands. And a

second time they said, *Halleluiah!*" Now the question arises, *After what things?* We reply: *After the things enumerated in the eighteenth chapter.* The sum and substance of the things mentioned in that chapter is the judgment of the *Great Harlot*, who corrupted the whole earth in the day or years of her power, during the Dark Ages. Let me call special attention to the symbol used to represent her *judgment* and final overthrow. "And one strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and threw it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall *Babylon*, the *great city*, be thrown down, and shall by no means be found any more." (Rev. 18:21.) Please notice that in the sixth verse of this same chapter this great Babylon is to be repaid "double" according to her works. As elsewhere shown in this work, her "double" of 1260 years could not precede the second advent of Christ, so it must of necessity be rendered to her *after* the second advent of Christ. Consequently her "double" must measure off a period of 1260 years *after* the second advent of Christ. This takes us in our chronology 260 years past the end of the Millennium. This period of time then we find to correspond to the time when the *great crowd*, represented as being in Heaven (but actually on *earth* at Jerusalem, where the kingdom is "set up," established), say a "second time," "*Halleluiah!*" This "great crowd" are the people who came out of the *Great Harlot* while she was receiving her "double" and the seven last plagues were being

poured on her. Her dominion was taken away from her at the sounding of the seventh angel when the kingdoms of this world became the *Kingdom* of our Lord and His Christ, 1945. For the sake of perspicuity, we may imagine our viewpoint to be more than 1260 years beyond the sounding of the seventh angel at the time when the marriage of the Lamb took place, 1945. "And a second time they said, *Halleluiah!* And her smoke rises up for the Ages of the Ages." Smoke is a symbol of remembrance. The myriads of the on-coming Ages of the Ages will remember the torment and the sorrow that Harlot system of worship passed through during her "double," and it will serve the purpose of drawing them to the true worship of God and the Lamb. "And the twenty-four elders, and the four living ones, fell down and worshiped that God who sits on the throne, saying, Amen. *Halleluiah!*" What a *supper!* What a "feast of fat things"! "And a voice came forth from the throne, saying, Praise our God, all His servants, and those who fear Him, the little and the great." "And I heard as it were a voice of a great crowd, and as the sound of many waters, and as a noise of mighty thunders, saying, *Halleluiah!* because our Lord God the Omnipotent reigned" [past tense]. We may rejoice and exult, and give the glory to Him; because the *marriage of the Lamb came* (in 1945) and His wife prepared herself [past tense]. "And it was given her [past tense, 1945] that she should be clothed with fine

linen, bright and pure, for the fine linen represents the righteous acts of the saints. And he said to me, Write: *Blessed are those who have been invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.* He also said to me, *These are the true words of God.*" (Rev. 19:3-9.)

THE KINGDOM OF GOD TO COME ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.

It is clearly set forth in the second chapter of Daniel that there were to be five world-wide empires, and that the fifth was the Kingdom of God to come. The first four were symbolized by a great metallic image—the image of a man. The first universal empire was Babylon, which was founded on the ruins of the old Assyrian Empire, which held sway over a very large portion of the then known world, but it was not universal. Babylon became a universal monarchy under the youthful bold Nebuchadnezzar, 606 B. C., and ruled the world till 538 B. C. Babylon was symbolized by the head of gold on the image. Babylon was overthrown by the Medes and Persians, under King Cyrus. This second world-wide monarchy was symbolized by the silver arms and breast of the image, and ruled the world from 538 B. C. to 531 B. C., a period of 207 years. By this time a third world-wide empire—the Grecian, symbolized by the belly and sides of brass (not legs of iron, as given in the A. R. Version)—under Alexander the Great, had forged its way through seas of blood and fire to the throne. It ruled the world from 331 B. C. to 161 B. C., a period of 170 years. The

Grecian kingdom was succeeded by the "iron monarchy of Rome," whose kings are said to have worn iron crowns. This fourth world-wide empire was symbolized by the hips, legs of iron, feet and toes of iron and miry clay mixed. Rome, pagan, ruled the world from 161 B. C. to about 356 A. D., a period of more than 500 years. The kingdom soon after that fell into fragments like ropes of sand. By 483 A. D. the ten kingdoms of Europe were the result. Pagan Rome continued in its divided state till 610 A. D., and from that on in its papal form till A. D. 1870, when the last vestige of temporal power was wrested from it, under Victor Emmanuel, king of Italy, the twentieth day of September. This date is so well authenticated that no historian of any note would attempt to overthrow it. The lease of power of the above our world-wide empires, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome, expired in 1914, with the outbreak of a world-wide war. The span of years allotted by Jehovah to these four great empires was "seven times," as given by the prophet Daniel, as every Bible student should know. A symbolic "time" in prophecy stands for 360 years, each day of the year standing for a year. So we find that seven times 360 would equal a period of 2520 years, which, beginning 606 B. C., would end in 1914 A. D. These 2520 years were referred to by Christ as "the times of the Gentiles," when He said: "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

These same "times of the Gentiles" were spoken of by the prophet Moses in Leviticus 26:19-23. Get your Bible and look it up for yourself.

It is *after* the lease of power of these four world-wide empires expires, in 1914, between this last date and 1945, that the Kingdom of God is to be set up, as recorded in Daniel 2:44.

It is well to note that in tracing the history of these four world-wide empires there is a gradual decline or depreciation in the intrinsic value of the symbol used, from the head of gold on the great image down to the miry clay found in the feet of the image. It is well to note also that England, the Saxons, Isaac's sons, are not, strictly speaking, one of the divisions of the Roman kingdom. Nor are any of the divisions of the Roman kingdom to be found in the Western Hemisphere. This will exclude, absolutely so, these United States. For England (Ephraim, oldest son of Joseph) and the United States (Manasseh, the second son of Joseph), together with the Jews and the tribe of Benjamin, which cannot now be definitely located, make up the rank and file of the twelve tribes of Jacob, and are to be reorganized into the Kingdom of God by 1945. *This* is the kingdom which the God of Heaven will "set up"—that is to be established on a permanent and immovable basis and is to be used of God to break in pieces the kingdoms symbolized by the great image. *This* is the kingdom that is to become "a great mountain" (government) and fill the *whole earth*. *This* is the kingdom that

Christ taught His disciples to pray for, saying, "Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in *earth* as it is done in Heaven." *This* is the kingdom the apostle Luke speaks of when he says: "The Lord God shall give unto Him [Christ] the throne of His father David, and He shall reign over the house of Jacob [the twelve tribes of Israel] *forever*, and of His kingdom there shall be *no end*." (Luke 1:32-33.) *This* is the kingdom of which Jesus spoke, having returned from the "far country," Heaven, and having received the kingdom: "The Son of Man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire" (not literal fire, but a "fiery trial," that they may be purified and made white). (Matt. 13:41.) *This* is the kingdom of which Jesus spoke when He said to the thief on the cross, "Verily I say unto thee, Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise." And that other thief will be there also. And, thank God, Christ will remember not only those two thieves, but all thieves in the world, and all the ungodly, of whatever name or order, and give all *one fair chance and trial for eternal life*. *This* is the kingdom in which the twelve apostles are to sit upon twelve thrones and be kingdom rulers (Matt. 19:28). *This* is the kingdom in which the overcomers will sit down with Christ in His throne (Rev. 3:21). *This* is the kingdom of which the Revelator speaks when

he said: "And they shall reign forever and forever." (Greek, "Unto the Ages of the Ages, the eons of the eons.") This is the kingdom of which Jesus spoke when He said: "And I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as my Father appointed unto Me, that ye may eat and drink at My table in my kingdom; and ye shall sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Luke 22:29). And what more shall I say? Pen cannot write it, brush cannot paint it, type cannot print it, heart cannot express it, imagination cannot measure it; eternity is too short to unfold the ineffable *glory*. Halleluiah! Worthy is the Lamb.

WHEN WILL THE KINGDOM BE SET UP?

"In the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven [not Christ] set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." (Dan. 2:44.) The prayer Christ taught His disciples shows that the kingdom belongs to "Our Father in Heaven." Has the God of Heaven given us the exact year, month, and day of the month when the prayer Christ taught His disciples will be answered? We reply, Yes. It is now the privilege of all who were sealed with the Holy Spirit in 1914, just before the outbreak of the world-wide war (Rev. 7) to know when the kingdom will be fully established. Please do not pass this statement by as an assertion of egotism, but follow the writers, and you will rejoice with

joy unspeakable and full of glory. Our Father has given us *three cycles* of years in the twelfth chapter of Daniel by which we can locate *definitely* the *year*, the *month*, and the *day* of the month when the kingdom will be fully established. There has been so much speculation on this matter of the setting up of the kingdom that no doubt most of the readers of this article will regard this as speculation also. But wait. Do not condemn before you hear and prove these statements *false* or *true*.

As said above, there are *three cycles*, and *only three*, given us in the whole Bible which *definitely* locate the full establishment of the kingdom. The reader may be as familiar with these *three cycles* (in Daniel 12) as the writers are; but if we are ignorant of the date from which to compute the *cycles*, we will be ignorant of the time when this kingdom is to be "set up." Most Bible expositors are ignorant of the date from which to compute the 1260 year days, or time, times, and a half time of Daniel 12:7. They set certain date for the beginning of the 1260 days, and then in the next breath overthrow them. One illustration of this will suffice:

"*The final rejection of the Pope as the ruler over Rome and the Papal States of Italy, by the Pope's subjects and the king of Italy, A. D. 1870, by which Antichrist is left without the slightest temporal authority.*" (Pastor Russell, in "The Time Is at Hand," page 356, par. 5.)

Please note most carefully that the above author

gives 1870 as the date of the “*final overthrow*.” Please hold this date firmly in mind till I quote another paragraph from the same author:

“Measuring back 1260 years from 1799 would bring us to A. D. 539, where we shall show the Papal power began.” (“*Thy Kingdom Come*,” page 69, par. 1.)

Why in the name of *reason* did not the Pastor, after having established 1870 as the true date of the *final overthrow*, measure back from that date, and not 1799? “Dead flies cause the perfume of the apothecary to stink and send forth an evil odor.” (Eccles. 10:1.) If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who can prepare for the battle? Where doctors disagree, who shall rightly decide as to whether the poor sheep are getting *food* or *poison*? When doctors of divinity blow *hot* and then *cold*, will not the condition be a “*lukewarm*” condition, which the Master has declared He will “*vomit*” out of His stomach?

The date 1870, when the so-called Papal Hierarchy was finally overthrown, is the *correct* date from which to measure off the cycle of 1260 days. This being true, we measure back 1260 years and it brings us to A. D. 610. This is the date from which to compute all *three of the cycles* in Daniel 12. The three cycles are 1260—1290—1335, years, on the year-day principle. Now let us compute *forward* from A. D. 610. We find the result to be as follows: A. D. 610, add 1260, equals 1870. A. D. 610, add 1290, equals 1900. A. D. 610, add 1335,

equals 1945, the end of the last cycle given, which brings us to the *resurrection*. “*But go thou thy way till the end be, for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.*” Any dates fixing the second *presence* of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ prior to A. D. 1945 are purely *speculative*, and not in harmony with the Word of God, and show most conclusively that such time-setters are still in confusion. The date 1914 was not the *end* of the Gospel Age, but the *end of the Gentile times*. The long cycle of 2520 years which began 606 B. C. and which marks the *beginning* of Gentile rule, and ends in 1914, has no more to do with the three cycles above mentioned than the Kaiser has to do with making peace.

The “marriage of the Lamb” can not be consummated till *after* the harvest of the Age is done and the gleaning is ended. We have been taught that the main body of the Church was resurrected in 1878, and the “left-over ones” are yet to be resurrected. This is not in harmony with the Word of God. There is not a thimbleful of truth in it. When the espoused virgin is married to Christ, it will all be done at *once*, and not in partial marriages, some in 1878 and some in 1918. “In the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall *begin* to sound [“may be *about* to sound,” Dia.], the mystery of God should be *finished*.” (Rev. 10:7.) “*Pastor Russell was the seventh angel.*” (“The Finished Mystery,” page 169, par. 6.) On page 72 of the same book, at the bottom of the page, it is

asserted that the "mystery" will end in 1918. All this is speculation—the teaching of "foolish virgins"; with no oil in their vessels, their lamps are going out.

The mystery *ends before* the seventh angel sounds. Just how long before we are not told. Therefore the seventh angel types the Mellennial Age *after* the Kingdom of God is "set up," fully established. The *proof* of this is what the seventh angel says when he sounds. "And the seventh angel sounded his trumpet; and there were loud voices in Heaven, saying, *The kingdom of the world has become our Lord's and His Christ's*, and He shall reign for the Ages of the Ages." (Rev. 11:15.) The seventh angel has not sounded yet, nor will he sound till the *end* of the Harvest Age, 1945. We have been told in "Scripture Studies" that Christ the Harvest Reaper has been present ever since 1878, gathering the golden grain into the heavenly garner beyond the veil, and those who have passed beyond the veil are still engaged in harvest work *this side* the veil. This is the very taproot of *Spiritualism*. No the *fact* is that Christ does not do the reaping at all, nor is He now *present*. Proof: "The harvest is the *end* of the world [“the consummation of the Age,” A. R. Ver.], and the reapers are the angels." (Matt. 13:39.) "The Son of Man shall send forth His angels, and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of Heaven to the other." (Matt. 24:31.)

THE RESURRECTION IS NOT THE HARVEST.

The proof of this is that Christ raises the dead, and changes the living saints, and this work is all done at the same time (1 Thes. 4:16). Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life." The angels have nothing to do with the resurrection of the dead or the changing of the living. Their work applies to the living saints and tares. They make the separation of the wheat and tares previous to the resurrection. The angels gather the wheat (the "elect") into the "barn" condition, a place of safety from the wind and storm, and the "tares" into "bundles," that they may be burned—not literally, but be purified by suffering "loss."

"The harvest is the consummation of the Age." Was the Gospel Age consummated in 1878 or 1914, as per Brother Russell? Most certainly *not*. But it will be in 1945, as elsewhere shown in this book. The living saints will need a "land of Goshen" somewhere during the "time of Jacob's trouble"; it may be in the land of Palestine, at or near Jerusalem. In that "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation," "he that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" (Ps. 91; read all). In the end of the Jewish Age, the twelve apostles, and the seventy, and about five hundred brethren were harvested out of that typical people; but that had nothing to do with the resurrection. Still, Jesus said: "The fields are white to the harvest."

Dear reader, hear the Word of the Lord: "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold refined by fire, that thou mayest become rich; and white garments, that thou mayest clothe thyself, and that the shame of thy nakedness be not made manifest; and eye salve to anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see." (Rev. 3:18.) Please remember that Christ is not "the chief reaper," nor is He a reaper at all as Brother Russell teaches. We are forbidden to call any man on earth "master," "rabbi," or "father." "He that sowed the good seed is the Son of Man, and he that sowed the tares is an enemy." That pernicious doctrine of the harvest of the main body of the Church having taken place in 1878 is a "tare," and is not of the Father's planting, and must be rooted up.

He uses the angels to gather His elect this side the veil, *for* the kingdom, and the angels to gather out of the kingdom all things that offend on the other side the veil. Angels and men, principalities and powers *then* being made subject unto Him. "And when He [God] again bringeth the first-born into the inhabited earth, He saith, Let all the angels of Jehovah worship Him." Jehovah has not yet brought His first-born back into the inhabited earth. Or, in other words, the second advent of Christ has not yet taken place. Proof: "He [Christ] shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David." (Luke 1:32.) Has Jehovah built again the taber-

nacle of David, and set up the ruins thereof, that all the Jewish people may seek unto it, and all the Gentiles over whom His name has been called? We must answer, *No*. How then can Christ take the throne and kingdom before there is one for Him to take? The penitent thief on the cross said: "Remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." How can Christ come into a kingdom when there is no kingdom for Him to come into? The kingdom cannot be established without the kingdom rulers. Christ's kingdom rulers are still sleeping in the dust of the earth, and will not be waked out of the sleep of death till they are needed in the kingdom—approximately between twenty-five or twenty-seven years in the future.

When God brings Christ's "body," the Church, back again into the inhabited earth, He will bring it *all at the same time*. Any other way would do violence to the figure of a birth. "Shall a nation be born at *once*?" Yes. Christ, the Anointed One, and Head of that nation, was born near two thousand years ago. The "body" is soon to be born and united to the Head, and come into the kingdom a full-grown man. The 144,000 kingdom rulers *all* enter the kingdom at the same time. Proof: "Then we that are alive, that are left, *shall together with them* be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (1 Thess. 4:17.)

Pastor Russell taught us that the Church would

be glorified or taken beyond the veil in 1914. Ever since that his blind followers have been setting dates for the Church to be taken home to glory. Some say 1918, 1921, 1924, 1927, etc., and one has placed it in 1938. All these dates are *imaginary*, and all who look for "deliverance" at any of these dates are doomed to bitter *disappointment*. Let us not be wise above what is written. No prophecy of the Word of God is of any *private* interpretation. The anointed family of God is not to be in ignorance of the *time* when it is to be delivered. "For yourselves *know perfectly* that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." (1 Thess. 5:2.)

Christ said that the gates of Hades should *not prevail* against His Church. The gates of Hades, the death condition, will be opened in the resurrection, at the end of the 1335 days of Daniel 12, when Daniel will be raised from the dead. We notice that there are two classes in that resurrection, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. A short *time* or *season* before 1945 the earthly phase of the kingdom will be fully "set up" or established. The Turk will be driven out of Palestine, and the Jewish people restored there. The Temple will be rebuilt, in all its glory and grandeur, and Jerusalem become the *grand metropolis* of the world. Christ and His Bride will enter into that grand Temple soon after the resurrection, passing in through the east gate or door. Proof: "Afterward he brought

me to the gate that looketh toward the east. And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east; and His voice was like a noise of many waters, and the earth shined with His glory. And the glory of the Lord came into the house [Temple] by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. So the Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner court, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house. And I heard Him speaking to me out of the house; and the Man stood by me. And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of My *throne*, and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for *ever*. And My holy name shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they nor their kings, by their whoredoms, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places." (Ezek. 43:1-6).

The world-wide war will come to a temporary lull, when the great world-war powers will get tired of rolling earth's "*garments in blood*," and the "*beast*" and his "*image*" will take control of the situation, and the "*peace and safety cry*" will be heralded to the four winds. They cry "*peace*" now, but then they will cry both "*peace*" and "*safety*"; for the churches, which assume to be the ambassadors of peace, will have full control. For "*one hour*" symbolic time, or fifteen days literal time, the great peace bells will ring all through the earth. Beyond the ringing of these great peace bells, the "*peace and safety cry*," the "*time*

of Jacob's trouble" comes, out of which he is to be delivered.

The prophet Isaiah says: "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the Temple." The Lord, speaking of Jerusalem, the metropolis of the New Kingdom, says: "Behold, a day of Jehovah cometh, when the spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity." (Zech. 14:1-2.) When Jerusalem was besieged and taken by Titus (A. D. 70), the whole city went into captivity. But at this time only half of it goes into captivity. "But the residue of the people are not cut off from the city." The reason for this is as follows: "Then shall Jehovah go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. And His [Christ's] feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be cleft in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley, and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azel; yea, ye shall flee like as ye fled from before the earthquake, in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah. And the Lord my God shall come,

and all the holy ones with thee." This marks the time when the Bridegroom and the Bride come "into the kingdom." This will be the twentieth day of September, 1945, corresponding to the time 1870, when Victor Emmanuel wrested from the Papacy the last vestige of temporal power. The long cycle of 2520 years, beginning 606 B. C. and ending in 1914, marks the expiration of the right of Gentile kingdoms to rule over the affairs of this old sin-cursed world. It also marks the *beginning* of the time of the *ten virgin* kingdoms of Matthew 25. It also marks the *beginning* and *sealing* of the "wise" virgins of that kingdom, and their *testing*.

This article is not in harmony with prior views taken by one of the authors of this book (J. A. O.), but it is the design and ambition of the writer to drop *all error* and gather up *all truth*. "Wise men change their minds sometimes, but fools *never*. We understand that the *sealing* work of Revelation 7, just prior to the outbreak of the world-wide war, is synchronous with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, by which the remnant or "feet members" of the anointed family of God, the 144,000, will be able to "*know perfectly*" when the "*mystery*" will be finished. "The Spirit searcheth *all things*; yea, the deep things of God." "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are *sealed* to the *day of deliverance*." The above date, 1914, also marks the *beginning* of the time when the "*God of Heaven*" began to tear away the world kingdoms and make them as the chaff of the summer threshing-floors,

which the winds (wars) carried away, so that no place is to be found for them any more, in order that the New Kingdom might be set up, and in process of time become a great *mountain* (government) and fill "*the whole earth.*" The things above enumerated are *some* of the things the Holy Spirit is now making known to the "feet members." "And he shall show you *things to come.*" "Ye have an *anointing* from the Holy One, and you *all know it.*" "You have no need that any one teach you, but the anointing teaches you all things"—spiritual and divine.

WHAT WILL BE THE MANNER OF THE KINGDOM?

It will be an *absolute monarchy*, in which "*one new man,*" the anointed Christ Head and body, will be an *absolute ruler*. A *theocracy*, in which the natural, social, civil, financial, commercial, and Christian *rights* will be safeguarded, with pains and penalties inflicted upon all willful transgressors. Some who are *incorrigibly wicked* will have to be killed and remain dead for a long time in order to reform them, and then be raised to life again. "And it shall come to pass in *that day* [the Millennial day] that Jehovah will punish the hosts of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit [*"dungeon,"* margin], and shall be shut up in the prison; and after many days shall they be visited" [*"punished,"* margin]. (Isa. 24:21-22.) "See now that I am He, even I, and there is no god

with Me. *I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.*" (Deut. 32:39.)

The kingdom will be the antitype of the ancient kingdom of Israel *restored*. It will be an answer to the question of the disciples of Jesus as recorded in Acts 1:6: "Lord, doest Thou at this time *restore* the kingdom to Israel?" The Master told them that it was not for them to know at that *time* the seasons and times which the Father had put in His own power, but it would be given them to *know* it after the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost. After that they were to be His witnesses concerning the kingdom unto the "utmost parts of the earth."

In Isaiah 1:24-27 the prophet speaks concerning this kingdom as follows: "Therefore, saith the Lord, Jehovah of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah! I will ease Me of Mine adversaries, and avenge me of Mine enemies. And I will turn My hand upon thee, and thoroughly purge away thy dross, and will take away all thy tin [“alloy,” margin]; and I will *restore* thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning; afterward thou shalt be called The city of righteousness, a faithful town. Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her converts with righteousness."

Paul tells us, in Acts 13:29, that God gave them judges for 450 years, till Samuel the prophet, and then they clamored for a king, that he might go in and out before them, and fight their battles

for them; and God told Samuel to make them a king, for they had not rejected Samuel, but had rejected God, that He should not reign over them. Then God gave them Saul, the son of Kish. So they had a line of kings, good and bad, for the space of 513 years, including the reign of Zedekiah, the last reigning king in the line of Judah, who was carried captive, with his people, to Babylon, where they remained in captivity till 536 B. C. This typical kingdom people with their city Jerusalem were to be trodden down of the Gentiles till the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled, which times ended 1914 A. D. The Lord says the wrath of man shall praise Him, and the remainder of wrath He will restrain. The warring world powers are now paving the way for the Jewish people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their waste cities and their beautiful Temple.

Israel, the house of Jacob, has been cast off from Divine favor. He has "hidden His face from them" for a cycle of 2520 years, dating from 606 B. C. and ending in 1914, till the "times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Brother Paul speaks of it as follows in Romans 11:15: "For if the casting away of them is the reconciling of the world, what shall the *receiving* of them be but life from the dead?" Israel was cast off from God's favor at the end of seventy weeks, but is now being received back to God's favor, and by 1945 will become the head nation of the world, the earthly phase of God's kingdom.

MODERN HISTORICAL EVIDENCE, *Re THE LAST OF
ALL THE STATE POWER OF THE POPE SEP-
TEMBER 20, 1870, AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.*

It has been elsewhere shown in this work that the Pope lost all his state power on the twentieth day of September, 1870, giving an unimpeachable date from which to compute the three great cycles of years—the 1260, 1290, and 1335 year days of Daniel 12. Running backward, with the 1260 year days as a measuring-line, we find the so-called Papal kingdom was established in 610 A. D. Running forward, with the 1335 year days in hand as a measuring-line, we find they terminate in 1945, September 20th, 10 o'clock a. m. This last date brings us to the end of "the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7). But he is to be delivered out of it, for Christ will then come into His kingdom. The prophet Daniel calls it "a time of trouble such as there never was since there was a nation, even to that same time, and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one whose name is found written in the book." It is the Resurrection Day, "when many of them who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and age-lasting contempt" (Dan. 12:2). It is the time when the Lord descends from Heaven with a shout, "with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God," and the dead in Christ will rise first (1 Thess. 4:16). It is the time of the sounding of the seventh angel, when the kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of

Jehovah, and His Christ (Rev. 11:15). It is the time of which the prophet speaks when he says: "Let the nations bestir themselves, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat [east of Jerusalem]; for there will I sit to judge all the nations round about." (Joel 3:12.) It is the time when the great Judgment Day of the world begins (Acts 17:31). It is the time when Jerusalem will be encompassed with two hundred millions (Rev. 9:16) of armed warriors, looting and killing. For full understanding of this, read Ezekiel 38 and 39.

Many modern historians, journalists, generals, missionaries, and ministers confirm our findings as infallibly correct as to the loss of all the state power of the Pope in 1870 A. D. On the 4th of September, 1870, Napoleon III. met his downfall, and later died an exile in England. The Empress made good her escape the same day. The 12th of the same month the Italians swarmed through the Papal States, bound for Rome. On the 19th battle was set in array against the doomed city, under General Bixeo. The siege began September 20th, at 5 o'clock a. m., and Rome surrendered at 10 a. m. There and then the last vestige of state power was wrested from the Pope. In the conflict, which lasted only five hours, the Pope had 8,000 troops and 60 pieces of artillery, while General Bixeo had 11,000. The Pope did not like the resolute faces of those Italians with their bristling guns, and so surrendered to Victor Emmanuel, king of Italy. It is hardly a mere coincidence that

Victor Emmanuel, king of Italy, stands as a type of the true Victor Emmanuel of God, Christ Jesus the Lord, who will take full control of all the kingdoms of this world, both civil and religious, on the twentieth day of September, 1945, according to the time cycles as given in Daniel 12.

The Pope acknowledged to Cardinal Antonelli his defeat in 1870, as follows: "I have been abandoned by Catholic Europe, and I must yield." (London *Daily Telegraph*.) Again the Pope breaks out in the anguish of his soul as follows: "Alas! Alas! I am abandoned of my children!" (Quoted by Elder W. C. Van Meter, Baptist missionary in ofome in 1870.) "Thus fell the temporal power R the Pope." (J. D. McCabe, in "History of the World," page 510.) Corroborating all we have said above and quoted, on October 2, 1870, the Italians voted to renounce the temporal power of the Pope. Total vote, 40,831; only 46 votes in favor of the Pope. ("Kings and Peoples," page 433-4.) Hear the decree of the Italian Government, November 1, 1870: "All the political authority of the Pope and the Holy See is abolished, and will remain so." (Abbott's "History of Italy," page 619.) Hear what *The Modern Review* says: "Since the dogma of . . . papal infallibility, Catholicism has been bound hand and foot with grave-clothes. Judgment had already begun to come upon it." (Issue of July, 1882, page 485.) "All the strongest clericals now regard the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope as hopeless." (London *Telegraph*, No-

vember 26, 1895.) General Klangler's address to the soldiers on September 21, 1870, is as follows: "Rome has fallen." (American Encyclopedia, page 412.) Cast your eye on that marble tablet in the wall surrounding Rome and read the following: "This tablet will record in after days the 2nd of October, 1870, when all Romans solemnly joined Italy, under the Constitutional Government of Victor Emmanuel and his successors. The favorable vote was 40,785, and only 46 against it." (Dr. Forbes.) Hear what Pope Pius IX. said on March 12, 1877: "It is already the seventh year since a usurping government invaded this Holy City [Rome], filling the universal Church with mourning." "The Italian Catholic newspapers are in mourning." (*Christian Herald.*) Till September 20, 1870, the Italian people paid taxes and tribute to the Pope in the Vatican. Since then the Italians assess the Pope, and he is required to pay his taxes the same as any other Italian citizen. He has often been quoted as saying: "I am a prisoner in my own palace." In St. James' Church, New York, Father Luke is reported as saying: "There is not a Catholic country now in the world; persecution is general throughout the world; persecution in Rome is worse than anywhere else. . . . The convents of Rome are closed. The shrines of her saints are used for stabling Victor Emmanuel's horses. Never was suffering so little relieved. Who knows but we are nearing those days when the light of the sanctuary shall be ex-

tinguished?" When one of the authors of this little volume was traveling the Central Illinois Conference as an M. E. minister, several columns came out in the *Northwestern Advocate* giving the details of the overthrow or wresting of the state power from the Pope.

The authors of this little volume bear no ill will toward popes or cardinals, priests or Catholic people, or any other religious sect or people; for we must all stand together in defense of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, or be slaves to the war lords of Germany. We simply narrate these historic *facts* that the millions may know where we all are on the great ocean of Time, and be able to see when the *new order* of things will succeed this world-wide war; when anguish and "distress of nations with perplexity" and "garments rolled in blood" shall have an end; when the "Prince of Peace," the "Immanuel of God," the "Pilot of Galilee," shall speak again, not to that little rock-bound sea, but to the world-wide, tempest-tossed sea of humanity, His "*Peace, be still.*"

THE NEW COVENANT.

The New Covenant is the sure mercies of David. It will not be made till the restoration of Israel to their "former estate" in the Holy Land. The Psalmist of Israel speaks of this New Covenant as follows: "The Rock of Israel spake to me: One that ruleth over men righteously, that ruleth in the fear of God, shall be as the light of the morning when the sun riseth, a morning without clouds,

when the tender grass springeth out of the earth through clear shining after rain. Verily, my house is not so with God; yet He hath made with me an *everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure*, for it is all my salvation and all my desire, although He maketh it not to grow." (2 Sam. 23:3-5.) It was not then time for the covenant to grow and bear fruit. The barren condition of that covenant was typed by the barren fig-tree which the Master cursed, because "the time of figs was not yet." It could do nothing but bear leaves. Listen to the Divine assurance given to David: "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips. Once have I sworn by My holiness, I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me. It shall be established as the moon, and as the faithful witness in the sky. But Thou hast cast off and rejected, Thou hast been wroth with Thine anointed, Thou hast abhorred the covenant of Thy servant [but only till the restoration of Israel], Thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground. Thou hast broken down all his hedges, Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin." (Ps. 89:34-39.) The above promise and oath types Christ, the seed of David, the Son of God.

We find this beautiful truth set forth in 2 Samuel 7:13: "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son."

Peter declares that Christ was raised from the dead to sit upon David's throne. His words are as follows: "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, He would raise up *Christ* to sit on His throne." (Acts 2:30.) Matthew 25:31 declares that when the Son of Man comes in His glory, that then He sits on a *throne*. He cannot sit upon two thrones at the same time, so the evidence is conclusive that He is then sitting on David's throne. This truth cannot be successfully controverted. We add another text to confirm it: "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto Him the *throne* of his father *David*. And He shall reign over the house of Jacob *forever*, and of His kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1:32-33.) The throne of David was not in Heaven, but on the *earth*. For David is not ascended into Heaven, but his sepulcher is with us even to this day. How then could he have a throne in Heaven? The throne of David was at Jerusalem. "Then Solomon sat on the throne of Jehovah as king, instead of David his father, and prospered, and all Israel obeyed Him." (1 Chron. 29:23.) Now, as Christ sits on David's throne, and David's throne was in Jerusalem, so the throne of Christ will be in Jerusalem. It will not be some *imaginary* throne, somewhere up in boundless space, and no one knows where. It is quite evident that there are

two thrones. One is the throne of "the Majesty in the heavens" (Heb. 8:1). When Christ ascended up on high, He sat down on the right hand of the Father's throne. In Revelation 2:21 Jesus says: "He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with Me in *My throne*, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father in *His throne*." In Matthew 19:28 Jesus told His disciples that "in the *re-generation*" they should sit on twelve thrones," "judging the twelve tribes of Israel." The *Re-generation* Age and the ages beyond that will be required to make all things new.

In Daniel 7:27 we learn that the dominion, the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom are to be *under* the whole heavens, and not *above* them. And that all is to be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. Notice that the kingdom is to be given to the *people* of the saints, and not to the saints. Christ and the saints take possession of it first. Jesus said to His disciples: "And I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as My Father appointed unto Me, that ye may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom; and ye shall sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Luke 22:29-30.) This grand truth is further elucidated by what the prophet says: "Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for Jehovah of hosts will reign in *Mount Zion* [the earthly phase of the kingdom *restored*], and in *Jerusalem*, and before His elders shall be glory." (Isa. 24:23.) "Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the

whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, *the city of the great king.*" (Ps. 48:2.) "Jehovah hath sworn unto David in truth; He will not turn from it: Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. If thy children will keep My covenant and My tesstimony that I teach them, their children also shall sit upon thy throne *for evermore.* For Jehovah hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His *habitation.* This is My resting-place *for ever.* Here will I dwell, for *I have desired it.*" (Ps. 132:11-14.) So far as we have gone, we see that the *Kingdom of God* and the *throne of God* are *under* the whole heavens, according to Daniel 7:27. This is in harmony with the prayer Christ taught His disciples: "*Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in Heaven, so on earth.*"

The Lord's "controversy with the nations" is now on, and it will not abate until they are overthrown, and the Kingdom of God set up on their ruins. "Therefore wait ye for Me, saith Jehovah, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for My determination [“judgment,” margin] is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them Mine indignation, even *all* My fierce anger; for *all the earth* shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy. For then will I turn to the peoples a pure *language*, that they may all call upon the name of Jehovah, to serve Him with one consent." (Zeph. 3:8-9.) Down to the confusion of language at the Tower of Babel the whole

earth was of one language. After the kingdom is fully established and the Spirit begins to be poured out on all flesh, the people will get the truth in the *language* of the Spirit. The confusion of the language *scattered* the people all over the earth, but the "restoration" of the pure language will *gather* the people of earth to Jerusalem to be taught of God.

We have been taught that at the end of the Millennial Reign of Christ and the Church all authority and power will be put down, and at that time the kingdom will be turned over to Jehovah, that He may be *all in all*. But this is a very grave *error*. We find ample proof of this in Revelation 20:7-10, where we are told that *after* the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and come forth to *deceive* the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, and how they try to capture the camp of the saints, but are defeated in the war, and fire (not literal) comes down from God out of Heaven and devours them. It is the same kind of fire spoken of in Zephaniah, where it is affirmed that all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of His jealousy. It is the same kind of "fiery trial" that is now devouring "carnal" affections and desires in the prospective Bride of the Lamb. This fire is represented as "the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone," into which the beast and false prophet were cast alive, spoken of in Revelation 19:20. It is simply a "fiery trial" through which the nations must pass to take away

their alloy, or tin and dross. They are to be tormented with it for the Ages (eons) of the Ages (eons). We are not told how many ages (eons) it will take to complete the final *consummation*. We do know this much: The covenant which God made with Abraham embraces in it a thousand generations. "He hath remembered His covenant *for ever*, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations; the covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath unto Isaac; and He confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute, to Israel for an *everlasting covenant*." (Ps. 105:8-10.) From Abraham to David there were 14 generations, and from David to the seventy years' captivity was 14 generations, and from the captivity to Christ was 14 generations, making in all 42 generations. By counting the generations from Abraham to Adam, given in the third chapter of Luke, we find there were 20 generations. Adding this to the 42 generations, we have 62 generations in 4,004 years. By dividing the 4,004 years by 62 we have $64\frac{1}{2}$ years for a generation. Allowing the same number of years for a generation from Christ to the end of the Gospel Age, 1945, we have $96\frac{1}{2}$ generations for the 6,000 years. Taking 96 generations from 1,000 generations, we have 904 generations yet to be born. Now multiplying 904 generations by $64\frac{1}{2}$, we have approximately 57,856 years in which the remainder of the 1,000 generations are yet to be born. No wonder the apostle speaks of "*the Ages of the Ages*"!

In Revelation 20:6 those who have part in the first resurrection act as kings and priests, and reign with Christ a thousand years. But the record does *not* say that they do not reign any longer than that. That thousand-year reign is over the house of Jacob. In the *beginning* of that age the *fountain* is opened up to the house of David for "sin and uncleanness." The fountain continues to flow for a thousand years, at the end of which it forms into a river, flowing on through the Ages of the Ages for the "thousands of millions" of which Rebecca was to be the mother. The present Gospel Age is the age of "wells" springing up into everlasting life. "And he showed me a *river of water of life*, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb." (Rev. 22:1.) The Bride of the Lamb is to reign with Him till the thousand generations are born—a period of near 60,000 years, till the final consummation is brought about, and the kingdom turned over to God, that He may be "*all in all*." Proof of this is found in the following scripture: "And night [not literal] will be no more; and no need of lamp and sunlight, because the Lord God will *shine* on them, and they will *reign* for the *Ages* [eons, Greek] of the *Ages*" [eons]. (Diaglot.) Christ is now a God. When we see Him, if we are of the Bride class, we shall be *like Him*—we shall be gods too. There are to be 144,000 gods, when Christ takes His Bride. Dear reader, do you think that many gods can put down all rule and authority

and power of the enemies of the cross of Christ? And do you not greatly desire to be one of those gods?

Running parallel with the thousand generations as above given, we have God's "*memorial*," the seventh-day Sabbath, the "sign" of His sanctifying and creative power. As we see it, so long as the stellar universe rolls on harmoniously through boundless space, so long will the Sabbath of Jehovah stand as a holy symbol of His creative power and God-head. The moral law of the Ten Commandments is a summary of His Divine will as it exists between man and man and between man and his Creator. Among the positive proofs on this point, we call attention to the fourth command of the Decalogue and to the following scripture in Isaiah 66:22-23: "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith Jehovah, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith Jehovah." Under the Sinaitic Covenant, the Ten Commandment law was written on tables of stone. When God makes the New Covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, He will write the law in their minds and their hearts. Then they will not teach every man his neighbor and every man his brother, but all shall know the Lord, from the least of them to the greatest of them. Those who are now

resting in the "letter" of the law will then be able to look through the letter and behold the spiritual import of the law. After the New Covenant is made, the seventh angel sounds, announcing that the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ, and that is due to take place in 1945 A. D. The Christ, the anointed Head and body, then comes into possession of the kingdom, having received it at the hand of Michael, the archangel, the ancient angel prince of Daniel's people, called in Daniel "The Ancient of Days," to whom Christ comes and receives it from him.

All the ages [eons, Gr.] have a *beginning* and an *ending*, save one, and that is the Age [eon] without end, first spoken of in Isaiah 45:17, as follows: "Israel shall be saved of Jehovah, with an *everlasting* salvation; ye shall not be put to shame or confounded world [age, eon] *without end*." The length of "everlasting" in this text is shown to be the same as "world [age, eon] *without end*." "World *without end*" is simply a Divine comment on the word "everlasting." The second text is found in Ephesians 3:21: "To Him be the glory of the congregation [the elect Church—the Bride, the wife of the Lamb] by Christ Jesus to all the generations [a thousand generations] of the Age [eon] of the Ages [eons]. Amen." Here the Age of the Ages is shown to be the Age "without end." It takes *all* the ages but the Age without *end* to gather *all* things into Christ, the Anointed One. The apostle

Peter speaks of this final *consummation* as follows: "Having made *known* unto us [the Bride class] the *secret* of *His will*, according to His own *benevolent design*, which He previously purposed in Himself; in regard to an *administration* of the fullness of the appointed times to reunite *all things under one head*, even under the Anointed One." Christ means "Anointed," and He was not the Anointed One till at His baptism at Jordan; therefore there was no Christ previous to that anointing. Christ had no prior existence. He was the second Adam on the natural plane, but had no wife on that plane. The first Adam had to have a "deep sleep" come upon him before he got his wife, and then his wife was taken from his side. In like manner the second Adam had to pass down into the "deep sleep" of death, and His wife was symbolically taken from His side when the blood and water flowed from His wounded side, which is to wash away, first, the sin of His Church, and, finally, "the sins of the whole world," in God's "due times or seasons."

The second Adam was made of a woman, 4,004 years after the first Adam was made. How could He be older than His mother? Will some of the Bible Students answer this? He was of the seed of David. Was Christ older than David? He was not an angel—not even the archangel, as Russellism and Adventism assert. God's Word is against them. Listen, believe: "Besides, He [God] does not *in any way* take hold on angels [high or

low], but He [God] takes hold of the seed of Abraham," the "seed of the woman," and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was that woman. Therefore the theory of a pre-existent Christ is a "cunningly devised fable," concocted by theologians, false shepherds that cannot understand, "dumb dogs that cannot bark," giving forth no certain sound, but simply growling when their bread and butter is interfered with, or their hope of gain is cut off. "The things in the heavens and the things on the earth, under Him; by Whom also we by Him obtained an inheritance, having been previously marked out according to a design of Him who is operating *all things agreeably to the counsel of His own will.*"

When *all things in the heavens and earth are gathered together in Him*, what is left out? The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. What was lost? The whole race of Adam. "All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us *all*." All the iniquity laid on Him kills Him, but guarantees to us an *endless life*. Halleluiah! what a Saviour! "As in Adam *all* die, even so in Christ shall *all* be made alive." When all are made alive in Christ, how many are left dead? "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the *death* of His Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by His *life*." How many were reconciled by His *death*? *All?* Yes, *all*. "Who gave Himself a ransom for *all*, to be testified in its own times." (1 Tim. 2:6.) Then how many will be

saved by His life? Only a small part? Oh, no, no! All, praise God! Oh! say many. That is universal *salvation*. Call it what you will. Is it not more in harmony with the attributes of God—His infinite wisdom, almighty power, limitless mercy, eternal justice, and boundless *love*—than the eternal roasting, scorching, and frying in a lake of literal fire and brimstone or the absolute annihilation of almost all the race of Adam, which would include lunatics, fools, idiots, and infants? How can the finite overthrow or defeat the plans and purposes of the Infinite? “Because the creature [“*every creature*,” margin] itself also *shall* be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.” (Rom. 8:21.) “Who art thou that repliest against God? Let God be true though every man be a liar.” When *every creature* is delivered from the bondage of corruption, how many will be left in it? “And He that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make *all things new*. And He saith, Write, for these words are faithful and true.” (Rev. 21:5.)

This is the fulfillment of a prophecy which spans all the “Ages of the Ages,” beginning with the creation of man on the natural plane and *ending* with man on the spiritual or God plane; one thousand generations are comprehended in the span. We read in Genesis 1:26: “And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion,” etc. Who are the “Us”? Jesus is one of the “Us” class referred to,

the Head. God spoke to Him through Moses and the prophets, making known unto Him what He should say, and commanded Him to say it. Now what did He say? He declared He was the Son of God. What did He say to the two on the way to Emmaus? "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all the prophets have spoken." Let us see what the prophet Isaiah says about Him: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Immanuel, interpreted, means "God with us." God was with us by being "manifest in flesh." What Jesus did in His flesh was just what God would do if He could make a personal sacrifice of Himself. "Thus saith Jehovah, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, Jehovah of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; and beside Me there is no God. Is there a God beside Me? Yea, there is *no rock*; I *know not any.*" (Isa. 44:6-8.) "Hear, O Israel, Jehovah our God is one Jehovah." (Deut. 6:4.) It does seem that such texts as these should convince the most skeptical that the pre-existent nature of Christ is only a myth of the Dark Ages. Only in the Divine plan of Jehovah, in His mind and purpose, did Christ exist as a God. Previous to His resurrection in the days of His flesh He was not God. He was not an object of worship. He would not permit Mary to "touch" Him, after His resurrection, until He had ascended to His Father and received His Father's approval of Him being worshiped as God. After His resurrection

His Father "highly exalted" Him and said, "Let all the angels worship Him." Christ stands as Divine Head and Father of the New Creation on the God plane. Christ and the glorified Church are spiritual life-givers to the whole race of Adam on the God plane. It will require the "Ages of the Ages" to translate all the Adamic stock to the God plane.

The Genesis account of this says He Jehovah "created to make." What is He Jehovah going to make? Christ and the glorified Church are not only gods themselves, but their mission for the "Ages of the Ages" is to make gods of the thousand generations of Adamic stock. Paul, in Ephesians 3:11, makes this thought plain and beautiful: "According to the eternal purpose [“purpose of the ages,” margin], which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Christ Jesus our Lord had no existence *only* in the Divine purpose and plan of Jehovah till after His birth, resurrection, and exaltation to the Divine nature. Since the resurrection of the Anointed Head there are two Gods—God the Father and God the Son. When the Church is glorified and exalted, by being united to their Head, and become "joint heirs," then there will be 144,000 gods plus the Father and the Son. The Church is to become Sons of God, "copies" of God's Son—hence gods. "When we see Him, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is," not as He *was* while here in flesh before His resurrection. Thus is fulfilled Genesis 1:26: "Let

Us make man in Our image and likeness, and let them [the 144,000, with their glorified Head] have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." We do not yet see this most wonderful prophecy fulfilled, but we do see the first step taken toward its fulfillment; we see Jesus crowned with glory and honor, and when the Church is crowned with glory and honor, then the second step will have been taken.

This is most beautifully set forth in the second chapter of the Letter to the Hebrews: "For to angels He [God] did not subject the *future habitable*, concerning which we speak. But someone somewhere testified, What is a man, that Thou doest remember him? or a son of man, that Thou doest regard him? Thou didst make him for a little while [thirty-three and one-half years] inferior to angels; Thou didst crown Him with glory and honor; Thou didst subject all things under His feet; for in subjecting all things, He left nothing unsubjected to Him; but *at present we do not see that all things have actually been placed under Him*. But we behold Jesus, on account of the *suffering of death*, crowned with glory and honor, *having been made* for a little while [thirty-three and one-half years, up to His resurrection] *inferior to angels*, so that by God's favor He might taste of death on behalf of *every one*. For it was becoming Him [God], on account of Whom are *all* things and

through Whom are all things, in conducting many sons to glory, to perfect the *Prince of their salvation* through sufferings. For both the sanctifier [God] and the sanctified [Christ and the sanctified Church] are from One [God], for which cause He [Christ] is not ashamed to call them [the Church] brethren, saying, I will announce Thy name [God's name] to my brethren [the Church]; in the midst of the congregation [the Church] I will praise Thee. And again, Behold, I and the children whom God gave Me [God is the Father of these "children," not Christ]. Since then the *children* have one common nature of blood and flesh, He also in like manner partook of these, in order that by means of His death He might *vanquish* him having the *power* of death, that is, the *enemy*; and might liberate those who by fear of death were throughout their whole life held in *slavery*. Besides He [God] does not in any way take hold of angels, but He [God] takes hold of the seed of Abraham. Wherefore it behooved Him *in all things* to be *made* like unto His brethren, that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in *all things* pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to assist those who are tried."

In Matthew we are told that when the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit on the throne of His glory, and before Him shall be gathered *all* nations, and then He will make a separation

between the sheep (naturally good people) and the goats (naturally bad people). In Revelation 2:26 we find that Christ's brethren are given authority over "all nations," and in Revelation 3:21 they sit with Christ in His Throne. In Matthew 19:28 we learn that Christ's twelve apostles at the same time sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. The apostles and all the overcomers are Christ's "brethren," and will be raised up and glorified together with Him. In Malachi 3:17 Jehovah speaks of them as follows: "And they shall be Mine, saith Jehovah of hosts, in that day [Resurrection Day] when I make up My *jewels*, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. *Then* shall ye [the jewels] return [from the place in the air where they meet Him (1 Thess. 4:17) to the earth at Jerusalem, where the throne of Christ is located], and discern between the righteous and the wicked [the sheep and the goats], between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not." Christ's brethren are the *discerners*, knowing what is in the hearts of the "sheep and goat" class, the world, and it is essential they should know, for they are still judges, priests, and kings. The "sheep and goat" class, the nations gathered before Him on His throne, are not the brethren of Christ, but before the brethren of Christ were glorified many of the "sheep" class gave a "cup of cold water" to the glorified brethren of Christ and they are not to lose their reward, for the glorified Master then says to them, "Come, ye

blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” This opportunity is extended to a thousand generations of earth, till the one lost sheep (the whole world, which left the “ninety and nine”) is brought back to the Chief Shepherd, and crowned with the powers of an endless life. Thus do we find that Jehovah looked to the *end* of His *finished* work and pronounced it good. Natural men look at the *beginning* of His *unfinished* work and call it *bad*. Known unto Jehovah are all His works from the beginning. Jehovah was looking at His *finished* works when (in Genesis 2:1) He said, “And the heavens and the earth were *finished*, and all the host of them.” Let us briefly summarize this truth: “My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.” (Isa. 46:10.) And Ephesians 1:11 declares Jehovah works *all* things according to His own *will*. And He declares in 1 Timothy 1:4 that He *wills* that *all* men shall be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of the truth. This is in perfect harmony with Christ’s words: “And I, if I be lifted up [not simply on the cross, as the natural man sees it, but to the heavenly or God plane, as the spiritual man in Christ Jesus sees it], will draw *all* unto *Me*.” And again: “Except a corn of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” (John 12:24.) For how many did Jesus, the corn of wheat, die? For the whole world. The crop is in the seed. What will be the crop? The whole world, drawn up to the God plane.

JEHOVAH'S "BATTLE AXE."

The Lord says of Israel or the twelve tribes as follows: "Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war; and with these I will break in pieces the nations, and with thee I will destroy kingdoms; and with thee I will break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee I will break in pieces the chariot and him that rideth therein; and with thee I will break in pieces man and woman; and with thee I will break in pieces the old man and the youth; and with thee I will break in pieces the young man and the virgin; and with thee I will break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; and with thee I will break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee I will break in pieces governors and deputies." (Jer. 51:20-23.) Study over carefully the above specified things, and see them being fulfilled in the present world-wide war movement.

Now let us ascertain who Jacob, or Israel, is. We have seen Jacob stands for the twelve tribes of Israel. Proof: "The word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying: And thou son of man take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions; and join them for thee one to another into *one stick*, that they may become *one* in thy hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak to thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us

what thou meanest by these? say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions, and I will put them with it even the stick of Judah, and make them *one* stick in thy hand, and they shall be one in thy hand." (Ezek. 37:15-19.)

The tribe of Joseph was divided between Ephraim and Manasseh, his two sons. Those two half tribes settled in the British Isles during the Babylonian wars. After having settled there, they could never agree, but were continually vexing each other, till finally the half tribe of Manasseh came over to America in the *Mayflower*. After settling here, they established the thirteen Colonies, and for their seal they had God's stone witness in Egypt, the great Pyramid of Gizeh, spoken of in Isaiah 19:19. That is the great seal of the United States. On our silver quarters we have thirteen stars and the eagle, with thirteen arrows in one talon, and the olive branch in the other with thirteen leaves on it—as much as to say, "Peace or war, take your choice." In the Latin inscription on our coins ("E pluribus unum," meaning "One formed of many," or all united in one, or as one) we have typed all Israel when restored to the Holy Land, the Land of Canaan, with their counselors and judges as at the beginning, and their reorganization into *one* kingdom. This one kingdom composed of twelve tribes is typed by the inscriptions on our coins, "In God we trust," having but twelve letters,

representing the twelve tribes of Israel, and the twelve apostles of the Lamb. If we trust in God, we will believe and obey Him. God says, "Hear My Son," and God has given all things into His hands. For through obedience and righteousness He became "heir" of the world; therefore He is to have the heathen and the earth for His inheritance. And God hath appointed Him the administrator on the estate to which He has fallen "heir." And He chose twelve apostles as administrators, to administer on that estate. For they too are God's "heirs" and "joint heirs" with Christ to that estate. All who come into heirship to that estate must come in through the administrators. Therefore He said: "I pray not for the world, but for all who shall believe on Me through their word." So when Jesus sent out His apostles, He said unto them: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth shall be saved [become "joint heirs with Christ" to the estate], and he that believeth not shall be condemned," as unworthy of administering on the estate of the world during the Messianic Reign. This effectually demolishes the false claim of "apostolic succession" as held by our Episcopalians and Mormons or Latter-day Saints.

It is clearly set forth in the Scriptures that Christ and the twelve apostles, and all who believe the gospel of God as preached to Abraham, are the spiritual seed of Abraham, who, when exalted to the Divine nature, are to deliver the whole

creation from the bondage of corruption as stated in Romans 8:21.

Through the President of these United States we offered *peace* to the Kaiser, and he would have none of it; so now he is getting the arrows. Peace was tendered to England in 1876, and she would have none of it; so we gave *her* the arrows, and gained our *independence*. Ephraim is the Anglo-Saxons, which means "Isaac's sons," or otherwise, "sons of Isaac." Drop the I and we have the Saxons. Twist it as you will and it means, "English Isaac's sons."

The present world-wide war has brought these two half tribes of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, together, and "Uncle Sam" and Great Britain are giving the Kaiser more than arrows, and they will keep it up until the old Kaiser's "dominion" is taken away *forever*, as also the whole of the Dragon Kingdom.

"Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a fountain; his branches run over the wall; the archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and persecuted him [the English "archers" sorely grieved him in 1776, and shot at him, and persecuted him], but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong [by the French, who helped us win the Revolutionary War] by the hands of the Almighty One of Jacob (from thence is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel); even by the God of thy father, Who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, Who shall bless thee with the blessings

of heaven above, blessings of the deep that coucheth beneath [gold, silver, copper, iron, zinc, lead, coal, oil, gas, and what not], blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the *utmost bound of the everlasting hills* [the Rocky Mountains on the Golden Coast of the great Pacific Ocean]; they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of him that was separate from his brethren." (Gen. 49:22-26.) *Is it not most wonderful?* "Buy gold bonds and help to win the war."

"And of Joseph he said: Blessed of Jehovah be his lands, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that couchest beneath, and for the precious things of the sun, and for the precious things of the growth of the months, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains [gold and silver], and for the precious things of the everlasting hills, and for the precious things of the earth and the fullness thereof, and the *good will of him that dwelt in the bush*. Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren. The firstling of his herd, majesty is his, and his horns are the horns of the wild ox; with them he shall *push the peoples, all of them, even to the ends of the earth*; and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim [England, the half tribe of Joseph], and they are the thousands of Manasseh" [the United States, the other half tribe of Joseph]. (Deut. 33:13-17.) *Is it not most wonderful?* Nearly the whole world is de-

pending on the United States to keep up the food supply for the millions of brave boys on the "firing-line" in the trenches on the frontiers. It takes "gold bonds" to swing the "battle axe" and blaze a highway through the nations for God's chosen people to be gathered back to Jerusalem, the land of their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the patriarchs and prophets, with whom Jehovah will make the New Covenant and establish His kingdom, when their grand Temple is rebuilt. This will be done by 1945.

ODE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.

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(Tune: "America.")

- 1 All hail, thou glorious Flag!
Thou art no "filthy rag,"
Of Liberty.
We love thy silver stars,
We love thy brilliant bars,
In peace or world-wide wars,
Flag of the *free*.
- 2 All hail thine azure sky!
For it we'll live and die,
Of it we'll sing.
Flag of the noble *free*,
We pledge fidelity
For evermore to thee.
We have no king.

- 3 All hail on sea and land!
"The boys" (in blue) will by thee
stand,
Will die for thee.
We love thy mounts and vales,
We love thy hills and dales,
Where love and peace prevails,
And Liberty.
- 4 Flag of the noble *free*,
Immortal thou shalt be
Till wars shall cease.
Shine on, ye brilliant stars;
Float high, ye brilliant bars;
Unscathed by battle scars,
Grand flag of *peace*.
- 5 Flag of the Kingdom Day,
When death shall pass away,
And earth be *free*.
Soon earth's new day is born,
Hail, bright Millennial morn!
All hail thy glorious dawn,
Grand Jubilee!
- 6 Flag of Red, White, and Blue,
Our love will follow you
Where'er you fly;
Be that to foreign shore,
Or up where war-birds soar,
Or down where death guns roar,
And brave men die.

7 From Maine to Golden Coast
We are a mighty host
For loyalty.
All hail, Red, White, and Blue!
Our custom we renew,
We give three cheers for you
And *Liberty*.

RELATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

"Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's," Christ said. "Let every soul be in subjugation to the higher powers, for there is no power but of God; and the powers that be are ordained of God. Therefore he that resisteth the power withstandeth the ordinance of God. And they that withstand shall receive to themselves judgment. For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. And wouldst thou have no fear of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same. For he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid, for he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be in *subjection*, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause ye pay tribute also [in gold bonds, or food supplies also, if the Government requires it]; for they are ministers of God's service, attending continually upon this very thing. Render to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom

to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." (Rom. 12:1-7.) Jehovah has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm clouds. He maketh the *wrath* of man to praise Him, and the remainder He restraineth. Beyond the "battle axe" and garments rolled in blood," beyond the shriek of dying soldiers and the charnel-house of the tomb, beyond the dark war clouds and the black horse of Famine that stares the whole world in the face, beyond the portals of Hades, there comes a white crowned Conqueror, riding forth conquering and to conquer, followed by the armies of Heaven upon white horses. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written: "King of kings and Lord of lords." His bugle will sound no retreat till He bears on His immortal brow all earth's diadems and reigns in His kingdom from sea to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the earth. *All hail to the new kingdom for which Christ taught us to pray!*

"**THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.**"

"The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains [earthly governments], and shall be exalted above the hills [petty governments]; and *all nations shall flow unto it*. And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain [government] of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His

ways, and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, and will decide among many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn *war any more.*" (Isa. 2:1-4.) The present world-wide war is *preliminary* work of destruction clearing the "highway" for the King of kings, preparatory to the establishment of that universal kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, UNDER, not *above*, the *whole heavens*, according to Daniel 7:27. The streets of Jerusalem are again soon to ring with "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!*"

When God sets up His kingdom and the Reign of *Peace* begins, then our great death-gun factories will reverse their operations, and will take our wonderful 110-mile guns and the terrible engines of death and melt them up into plowshares, with which to turn the soil, and pruning-hooks, with which to dress our vineyards, and *war shall be no more*, and national and international controversies shall cease. The prophet of God, looking down over unborn generations to the present *crisis*, exclaims: "And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold; therefore Mine own arm brought salvation unto Me, and My wrath it upheld Me. And I trod down the peoples in Mine anger, and made them drunk in My wrath, and

poured out their *life-blood on the earth.*" (Isa. 63:5-6.) Again the same prophet gives us another pen picture of the present world-wide dark night: "One calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning [of Christ's kingdom] cometh, and also the *night* [of the present world-wide controversy]. If ye will enquire, enquire ye. Return ye, come." (Isa. 21:11.) The world only has its finger-tips on the dark "*night*," the midnight of which will not come till half way between 1914, when the war broke out, and 1945, when it will end. The world's midnight will come September 20, 1930, and after that it will get lighter, till dawns the perfect *day*.

Jehovah will not only bring each individual of the nations to judgment, but He will also bring each individual nation to judgment. The following from the pen of the prophet is an appeal to the nations: "Come near, ye nations, to hear; and harken, ye peoples; let the earth hear, and the fulness thereof; the world and all things that come forth from it. For Jehovah hath indignation against all nations and wrath against all their hosts; He hath utterly destroyed them; He hath delivered them to the slaughter; theirs lain also shall be cast out, and the stench of their dead bodies shall come up, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. And all the hosts of Heaven shall be dissolved ["*moulder away*," margin, A. R. Ver.], and the heavens shall be rolled together [Catholics and Protestants unite, roll together] as a scroll; and all their hosts shall

fade away, as the leaf fadeth from off the vine, and as a fading leaf from the fig tree. For My sword hath drunk its fill in Heaven; behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon the people of My curse, to judgment.” (Isa. 34:1-5.) Near three thousand years ago the prophet of God drew aside the veil of futurity and looked down through the ages of on-coming centuries, and beheld the present “distress of nations with perplexity, and men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after these things that are coming on the earth,” and exclaimed: “My anguish! my anguish! I am pained at my very heart; my heart is disquieted in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet and the *alarm of war*. *Destruction upon destruction is cried*; for the *whole land is laid waste*; suddenly are my tents destroyed, and my curtains in a moment. How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?”

JEHOVAH'S CONTROVERSY WITH THE NATIONS IS NOW ON.

“I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith Jehovah of hosts. Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say unto them, Jehovah will roar from on high, and utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will mightily roar against His fold [or “pasture,” margin, A. R. Ver.]; He will give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against *all the inhabitants of the earth*. A noise shall come even to the end of the earth; for Jehovah hath a *controversy with the nations*; He will

enter into *judgment* with all flesh. [Cold type can not describe the *awful account* the German Empire will be called upon to face in the soon-coming judgment, for plunging innocent nations into a world-wide war, and its diabolical agencies in destroying life, and especially innocent men and women, children and babies.] As for the wicked, He will give them to the sword, saith Jehovah. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Behold, evil will go forth from nation to nation, and a great *tempest* shall be raised up from the *uttermost* [outermost] *parts of the earth*. And the slain of Jehovah shall be at that day from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth [this has not been yet, but it must be, for "the scriptures cannot be broken"]; they will not be lamented, neither gathered nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground. Wail, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow in ashes, ye principal of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are fully come, and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds [those who are preaching for "filthy lucre," fine salaries, fine clothing, fine automobiles, etc.], and the wailing of the principal of the flock; for Jehovah layeth waste their pasture, and the *peaceable folds* are brought to silence, because of the fierce anger of *Jehovah*. He hath left His covert as the lion; for their land has become an astonishment, because of the *fierceness of the oppressing sword*, and because of His fierce an-

ger." (Jer. 25:29-38.) The above is a very *dark* picture the God of the Universe has given us. But let us not faint by the way, nor be discouraged; for Jehovah will bring "*forth judgment unto victory.*" The *dark cloud* has a "*silver lining.*" First the *cross* and next the *crown*.

"Glory to God in the highest! and on earth *peace*, and good pleasure among men." Thus sang Jehovah's angels over the shepherds of Bethlehem. "*Glory to God in the highest!*" came floating down the air; "*Glory to God in the highest!*" seemed ringing everywhere. Only a very few have caught the strain at present, but in the "*sweet by and by*" the whole universe will hail the grand anthem and shout, "*Glory to God in the highest!* Good will and peace among men"—all men; for "*as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*"

AN UNFULFILLED PROPHECY OF THE MASTER.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the *Kingdom of Heaven*. [It is well to remember that the poor in spirit cannot have the *Kingdom of Heaven* *before* it is "*set up*," and when the kingdom *is set up*, it will be *UNDER the whole heavens*, and not *above them*.] Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." It is a pity that so many good people, and well-meaning people, confine this statement of the Master to the present age, and further limit it to funeral occasions, in many instances, where someone has lost a dear father, mother, husband, wife, or a dear child. It has no *limitations*. Those who mourn now in the present Age, and are

not "comforted" (and there are billions of them who have died without God and without hope—died in despair), will be comforted in the "Ages of the Ages" beyond the Millennial Age, even to "a thousand generations." The first Age of the Ages to come is the Millennial Age, or Jacob Age, or House of Israel Age, or Anglo-Saxon Age—Sons of Isaac.

"Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." We are well aware that this blessing has never yet been realized. If this blessing is limited to the present age and the ages of the past, the meek would be like angels' visits—few and far between; they would not be close enough to be good neighbors. We know that the meek cannot now enter upon their inheritance, but must wait until the Church is glorified and come into possession of their inheritance, the earth and the heathen; then the blessing of Abraham and his seed, who was to be heir of the whole world (Rom. 4:13), will come upon all the families of the earth (Gen. 12:3 and Gen. 13:29). And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to promise. Christ and the glorified Church of 144,000 first come into the inheritance of the whole world, and through them the whole creation is delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God (Rom. 8:21). "For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of Him [God] who subjected it in *hope*." There will never be but 144,000 and *one* "sons of God." Christ is the first and Head of this "house of sons." The

whole of the “groaning creation” will be delivered into the liberty of these “children of God,” but they will not be “sons of God,” but sons of Christ, and the glorified Church, on the God plane. Proof of this is found in Isaiah 9:6-7: “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God [His Father’s name is God, and so He could have no other name than God after being exalted to the God plane; Jehovah speaks of His Son as follows: “But of the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and for ever” (Heb. 1:8); and again: “All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth,” on the natural plane and on the spiritual plane also], Everlasting Father [“Father of eternity,” margin, A. R. Ver.], Prince of Peace. And of the *increase* of His government and of peace there shall be *no end* upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order and to establish it and to uphold it, with justice and with righteousness, from *henceforth* and for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.” Christ on the God plane is Father, the Church is Mother, and Jehovah is Grandfather. Did the prophet say too much when “He said He shall be called *Wonderful*”?

THE CONSTITUTION OF CHRIST’S KINGDOM.

The fifth chapter of Matthew is sometimes called “The Beatitudes.” It is the constitution of the Kingdom of Christ.

God never promised to any of earth’s inhabit-

ants any *other inheritance* than the earth. Christ was God's first heir of the world, the seed of Abraham, and the Church is by faith adopted into the family of God, and become "joint heirs with Christ" actually when taken to the God plane. We must in all kindness dissent from the views of those "blind leaders of the blind" who assert that our inheritance is up in Heaven. Let me illustrate this grand Bible truth. We no doubt all remember the tragic narrative of how Jacob cheated his brother Esau out of his birthright, and how Jacob fled for his life toward Haran, and how at sunset he lighted upon a certain place and lay down to sleep for the night with a stone for his pillow. "And he dreamed, and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to Heaven; and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, Jehovah stood above it, and said, I am Jehovah, the God of Abraham, thy father, and the God of Isaac. The land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and to the south, and in thee and thy seed shall *all* the families of the earth be blest." (Gen. 28:12-14.) Blind Pharisees have taken Jacob's ladder and turned it end for end, and put the angel at the bottom of the ladder and Jacob at the top, and tell us that our inheritance is up in *Heaven*, instead of in the *earth* as Jehovah told Jacob. "Thou blind Pharisee!" In almost every funeral sermon we hear the dear sorrowing ones told that

their loved one has gone to Heaven, and is now happy with Christ and the angels in "The Home over there," at the top of the ladder, instead of at the bottom.

Why not exchange ignorance for bliss, and folly for wisdom? The red man of the wilderness has a better conception of his future inheritance than many of our brilliant theologians, who pose as "masters in Israel." Pope's "savage" puts it this way:

"E'en the poor Indian, whose untutored mind
Sees God in clouds, or hears Him in the wind;
Whose soul proud Science never taught to stray
Far as the solar walk or Milky Way;
Yet humble Nature to his hope has given,
Beyond the cloud-capped hills, a humbler Heaven;
And thinks, admitted to that equal sky,
His faithful dog shall bear him company."

But as an offset to this truth our opponents fly to Matthew 5:12: "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in Heaven." Well, that text simply affirms that the "reward" is in Heaven. It does not say that anyone ever goes to Heaven to get his reward. On the contrary, we read: "Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is *with Me*, to render to each man according as his work shall be." So we see that when Christ returns He will be here, and His reward will be here also. If Christ intended to reward each man by taking him to Heaven, why did He bring His reward with Him when He came, and then take it back to Heaven to bestow it on each man?

“Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed *in the earth*; how much more the wicked and the sinner.” (Prov. 11:31.) Again: “For the upright shall dwell in the *land* and the perfect shall *remain* in it.” (Prov. 2:21.) The thirty-seventh chapter of Ezekiel shows that the whole house of Israel, they and their children, and their children’s children, when brought back from the dead, will be placed in their own *land* and dwell there for evermore, and that the tabernacle of God shall also be there for evermore. The prophet declares, with reference to the babes slain in Bethlehem by Herod: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, for they are not. Thus saith Jehovah: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith Jehovah; and they shall come again from the *land* of the enemy. [Is the “*land* of the enemy” up in Heaven? Is this not proof positive that children do not go to Heaven when they die?] And there is hope for thy latter end, saith Jehovah; and thy children shall come again to their own border.” (Jer. 31:15-17.) “Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come as a mighty one, and His arm [Christ] will rule for Him. Behold, His reward is *with* Him, and His *recompense* before Him.”

AN EGREGIOUS BLUNDER.

As Bible Students, we have been taught that Christ came in 1878, and raised the sleeping saints, and took them into the Kingdom of Christ beyond

the veil. Bible Students have heralded this *heresy* all over the earth. As we see it, there is not a thimbleful of good Bible sense in it, nor a word of truth, though the good people who teach it believe it, and think all are blind who cannot see it as they do. As before noted, the God of Heaven (not Christ) is to set up the kingdom, and when the kingdom is set up, the throne of David is to be established then, and *not till then*. The throne of David cannot be established at Jerusalem till the territory is cleared, and the Israelite nation restored back to Jerusalem, and their grand Temple rebuilt. So it is evident that Bible Students who teach that the resurrection took place in 1878 have no kingdom as yet to receive, nor any throne to sit down in, and neither has Christ the Anointed. Imagination is staggered when we try to decipher where the 1878 class went to, and what they are doing now, and what has been their work since 1878. It is not a little amusing to think of them being up in the "air" somewhere, flying around with nothing to do. But a short time ago the Bible House at Brooklyn solved a fraction of the problem, but only for one, and that one Brother Russell. As Jehovah had not yet got the kingdom fully "set up" and had nothing for him to do, He sent him back this side the "veil" to help finish up the harvest work, informing him that he could not be admitted to the kingdom till *all* the saints, the body of Christ was complete, and that Christ Head and body, the "one new man," would enter it all at the same time. It surely would be amusing to see

the "feet members" come walking into the kingdom without any body.

THE ELIJAH AND ELISHA CLASSES.

These two men were selected of Jehovah to type two classes of people. Elijah types the Church on the natural plane before the translation, and also the glorified Church on the God plane after the translation. Elisha types the "foolish" virgin class before the translation of the Elijah Class, and also after the translation of the Elijah Class. Before the translation of Elijah, he was anointed with the Holy Spirit, by which he worked miracles. This types the Church, by which it will be able to work miracles after its translation. Elisha was not anointed with the Holy Spirit till after the translation of Elijah. Elisha then received "a double portion" of the Holy Spirit, by which he (Elisha) worked miracles. The "fiery trial" of the Elijah Class begins with their anointing with the Holy Spirit, and ends with their glorification and exaltation to the Divine nature. The "fiery trial" of the Elisha Class begins with their anointing with the "double portion" of the Holy Spirit, and ends with their exaltation to the God plane, as others are raised up to take their places, and carry forward the restitution work. None are exalted to the God plane till they are perfected and in organism and have perfected a moral character.

The experiences of the two men while traveling together type the experiences of the ten virgin kingdom class of Matthew 25 from 1914 to 1945, when

the "wise" virgins will be *actually* separated from the "foolish" virgins and united to their glorified Head, beyond the veil, and exalted as kings, priests, and judges in the coming kingdom. Then Elijah's "mantle," or the power of the Holy Spirit, will fall upon the Elisha Class, and most wonderful miracles will follow in rapid succession, which will lead to piety in most of the people, but in some it will incite to ridicule and scorn. The scornful will say: "Go up, thou bald-head! Go up, thou bald-head!" most evidently alluding to the fact that Elisha expected to be translated as Elijah was, but failed. It would appear that Elisha was a bald-headed man, selected especially for the purpose of typing something that will be wrong with the "foolish" virgin class, whose heads are more concerned in speculative dates about the translation than about having an abundant supply of "oil" in their vessels, and so fail to "go up" when the Elijah Class is carried beyond the "veil" in 1945. Baldness is said to be caused by some sort of bacteria, or germ, that works in about the roots of the hair, killing them and causing the hair to fall off. This most aptly symbolizes the "foolish" virgins, who rose and trimmed their lamps (the Bible), but took no oil in their vessels (their hearts), and went forth to meet the Bridegroom. "The former rain" types the Holy Spirit poured out on the Church on the day of Pentecost. "The latter rain" types the outpouring of the Holy Spirit "upon all flesh" and will not begin to be poured out till the Elijah Class is glorified. The

“foolish” virgin class receive the Holy Spirit at the hands of the glorified Church, as evidenced by the fact that Elijah was the “head” of Elisha, and at his hands Elisha received great power, even a “double portion” of his spirit, to perform miracles, great signs and wonders, and inflict judgments upon the rebellious and scoffers, as in the case of the forty-two children who mocked Elisha, and said, “Go up, thou bald-head! Go up, thou bald-head!” Only those who are anointed by the Holy Spirit this side the “veil” will be of the anointed family on the other side the “veil.” While the “foolish” virgins are symbolically baptized with water, they are not anointed with the Holy Spirit, but simply Spirit begotten.

There will be the “sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees” when the Elisha Class enter upon their work, under the direction of the glorified Christ, Head and body. The trial-day of this old world will then begin, and the greatest revival work ever known on this old globe will then break out, and the greatest house-building boom, and the greatest reconstruction work ever known to humanity will set in; for those who come forth from the tombs will need clothing, food, sympathy, and houses to live in, and lands to cultivate, and agricultural implements with which to till the soil, and they will be forthcoming; for nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more, but they will melt their death-dealing engines into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks

to prune the little Eden gardens that shall spring up all over the whole earth as if by magic. Elisha was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen when Elijah first spread his mantle over him, and he with the *first*. The twelve yoke of oxen may type the twelve tribes of Israel in the Millennial Age, and Elisha be one of the first to till the stubborn soil of the human heart, and prepare seed-beds for the words of Divine truth, till all Israel on the natural plane shall have passed the trial test of the Millennial Age. Speed on earth's new day, and crown our hopes with infinite *joy* and *gladness*.

THE THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES OF REVELATION 14:6-11.

No doubt there has been more foolish speculation concerning these three messages than any other subject in the Bible. It will not be necessary to outline what the multitudinous "sects" have had to say about the judgment hour of the first angel, nor the fall of "Babylon" of the second angel, nor the warning against the "beast," his "image," and the "mark of his name." Volumes could not tell it. What we most *need* is the *truth*, whether we *want* it or *not*. Sometimes we have to soar like an eagle with his eye on the sun, or dig like an earthquake for the hidden diamonds of truth. If we grasp and hold firmly "the *keys* of the Kingdom of Heaven," we may "abide in the secret place of the Most High" and unlock many hidden mysteries.

We get our correct chronology for the above said three angels' messages by carefully studying the

fourteenth chapter of Revelation. In verse 1 we behold a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, at Jerusalem, and with him the 144,000, the glorified Church, the Bride of Christ, having the name of Christ's Father [God] written in their foreheads [minds]. Verse 2 reveals a voice of as many waters, and of a great thunder, and harpers harping with their harps. Verse 3 opens to our ears the new song before the throne of the Lamb, and in the presence of the living creatures and the elders. Next we note that no one is able to learn the new song but the 144,000 which were redeemed from the earth. Verse 4 reveals the fact that the 144,000 were not defiled with women—that is, religious "sects," for they are virgins ("wise" ones), and that they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth, for they are the Bride of the Lamb; having been redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and the Lamb. Verse 5 declares there is found no *lie* in their mouth, and that they are without fault before the throne of God.

Now let the gentle reader hold firmly in his mind that all the above enumerated facts are beyond the "veil" in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ, when He is King over all the earth, King of kings, and Lord of lords. In Revelation 11:15 the sounding of the seventh angel shows most conclusively that the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. In Acts 17:31 we are told that God hath appointed a day (a 1,000-year day) in which He will judge the world, according to

a correct standard, by that Man whom He hath foreordained, in that He hath raised Him from the dead. Before that Judgment Day work can be announced as *having come*, Christ must be *King of the world* (which He will not be till 1945), have His kingdom rulers, the 144,000, on the Heavenly plane, who act as judges, priests, and kings, and also His kingdom rulers on the earthly or natural plane, the Elisha Class. We are firmly bound to the conclusion that this cannot be till *after the resurrection*. To affirm that the resurrection took place in 1878 is but cunning sophistry and deception, though not meant to be so.

“Foolish” virgins all seem to have “itching ears” for such *one man* nonsense. “Wise” virgins will not study themselves “bald-headed” over such speculative “sectism.” Is it not strange indeed that only that *one man*, out of all the “elect” who are declared to have been raised from the dead in 1878, has been sent back here to help finish up the harvest work of the Gospel Age? If these things are true, and the finishing of the harvest work so imperative, why did not Jehovah send the apostle Paul and, for that matter, all the twelve apostles back here with Brother Russell to finish up the harvest.

THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE OF REVELATION 14:6-7.

We state the burden of this angel's message in the exact language of the Revelator: “And I saw an angel fly in mid-heaven, having aionian glad tidings to announce to those who dwell on the earth,

even to every nation, and tribe, and language, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to Him, because the hour of His *judgment is come*; and worship Him who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” (Diaglot.) As we proceed with this investigation we shall find ourselves abundantly fortified with Scripture evidence to show that the God of Heaven has *never* yet commanded either men or angels to preach or teach the judgment hour as *having come*. But right here we are met by our good and well-meaning Seventh-day Adventist brethren, who have for many long years had their heads twisted out of moral shape by their supposed prophetess, Sister E. G. W—, declaring that the judgment hour message was preached by William Miller and his co-laborers, from 1829 to 1844, in every nation under Heaven. Now this for the most part is *true*. We have no reason to dispute or deny it. But we are led to ask if many good men have not taught that for truth which was *absolutely false*? We affirm, without fear of successful contradiction, that *nowhere in all the whole Bible* can it be shown that the God of the Bible *ever* commanded William Miller, or any other man or class of men, or even angels, to preach the judgment hour message from 1829 to 1844; and furthermore, neither men nor angels have had any authority since the last-given date to proclaim the judgment hour as *having arrived*.

My misguided Seventh-day brethren are still heralding all the way around the earth that the

judgment hour began in 1844, when they affirm that Christ left their supposed first apartment of a literal sanctuary up in Heaven and passed to the second apartment, and sat down on the right hand of His Father in His throne. If they would read Hebrews 8:1, they would find that Paul saw Him sitting on the right hand of His Father in about 56 or 60 A. D. They might know, if they would, that Christ was born in the Holy, and remained there for thirty-three and a half years, and at His resurrection went directly to His Father, the antitypical Most Holy. They might know also that the two apartments of the earthly Tabernacle typed two conditions: First, Christ in the Holy condition in the flesh, for thirty-three and a half years; second, Christ's brethren in the flesh for their natural lifetime, made Holy by the righteousness of Christ being imputed to them by faith in His name; third, Christ in the Most Holy condition beyond the "veil" (death), at the right hand of His Father, the highest condition of exaltation in the universe; fourth, Christ's brethren in the Most Holy beyond the "veil" (death), glorified with Him, joint heirs with Him, exalted to throne power with Him. But I must forbear, knowing that the time is near when some of my dear brethren will lose the "scales" from their eyes and see men no longer as "trees walking," but see clearly.

It is now pertinent to stop and ask, On what did Brother Miller and his co-workers base their judgment cry message for 1844? They can not and *will not* deny that it was based on Daniel 8:14: "Unto

two thousand three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." By computing the 2,300 days on the year day principle from 457 B. C., they found they would end in 1844 A. D. That 1844 date was to mark the *beginning* of the cleansing of the sanctuary, or the true Church of Christ, from all its defiling errors. Now what led Brother Miller and his co-workers to go beyond his authority and preach the judgment hour message, when he was limited to preach nothing but the cleansing of the sanctuary? We reply, It was a misconception of his mission and of the Bible *truth* contained in "Then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." His first error was to *assume* that the earth is the sanctuary of God, instead of the true Church of Christ. It seems that he might have seen his blunder if he had carefully considered the question, "How long to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden *under foot*?" But he did not see it. His second error was to *assume* that the sanctuary (the earth) was to be cleansed by means of literal fire. So he declared the world would be burned up in 1844. Third, he *assumed* that Christ would make His second advent then, and that would prove that 1844 would be the great Judgment Day. His fourth error was that Christ would then take His people home to Heaven, and the wicked would burn to ashes when the world was burned up. These, with many other errors he taught, were out of harmony with Bible truth and historic facts, as the most casual observer now knows.

Brother Miller no more had a command of God

to declare a judgment hour message at that time than has the German Kaiser at this time, or anybody else, for that matter. Well, then, one may ask, what good did his message do? Much in one particular way: it served to wake up a sleeping, almost dead Church, and infuse new life into it, in view of the second advent of Christ, in the beginning of His Messianic Reign, when He and the saints shall judge angels and men.

A SPURIOUS MESSAGE FORETOLD BY THE PROPHET.

We find it in the tenth chapter of Revelation, as follows: "And I saw another mighty angel come down from Heaven [apparently so], clothed with a *cloud* [Brother Miller and his co-workers in their minds were "clothed with a *cloud*"], and a rainbow was upon his head [the rainbow part of the message called the attention of the people of God to the second coming of Christ, in power and great glory, which was not due to take place in 1844], and his face was as the sun [it appeared so to the Seer of Patmos], and his feet as pillars of fire [typing the fiery trials of the true people of God]; and he had in his hand a little book open [the book of Daniel, open at 8:14], and he set his right foot upon the sea [his message was to travel by sea] and his left foot upon the land [it was to go by land also], and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth [so powerful was the second advent cry of 1844 that more than 50,000 people left the various church organizations and united in the Advent movement]; and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices." We

are not told what the seven thunders said, and so do not know; but we may conjecture a little and be not far out of the way. Seven is a numeral indicating completeness, or perfection. After the passing of the time for the Lord to come, and He did not arrive, it was plain to the true people of God, and, in fact, to all people who heard that false message, that a very great mistake had been made, and people everywhere ridiculed the false message.

"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hands to Heaven, and sware by Him that liveth for the Ages of the Ages, Who created Heaven and the things that therein are, and the earth and the things that are therein, that there should be *time no longer*." Brother Miller and his co-workers declared that *time* would come to an end in 1844, and the world and all the bad people in it would be burned up then. The world and church people everywhere still laugh and scorn at the egregious *blunder*. The old planet still holds on in its orbit, the sun shines on, the silver moon reflects its light, the stars shine on, the changing seasons come and go, the flowers bloom as brightly and the birds sing as sweetly as ever. Strange indeed that the 1844 judgment hour criers overlooked the 1,290 and 1,335 year days following the 2,300 year days. Strange, too, that they did not see that the 70 weeks of years cut off from the 2,300 years applied to the Jewish nation *only*, and had no reference to the world whatever, and that the remainder of the time applied to the "sanctuary" or true Church *only*.

“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as He hath declared to His servants the prophets.” Had they known what “the mystery of God” is, they would not have said God would burn the world up in 1844. People who are “clothed with a *cloud*” are liable to say almost anything, from the fact that what they say is more speculation than anything else. If the International Bible Students’ Association had not been clothed with a “*cloud*,” they would not have made the mistake of supposing that the Church would be taken to glory in 1914, and have engaged so zealously in applying “*the point of the sword*” to the nation that is spilling its life-blood to protect them in their lives, liberties, and happiness, and thus procuring to themselves “punishments.” They will have to learn yet by a more bitter experience that the “two-edged sword” will not be placed in the hands of the saints till *after* the Kingdom of God is fully set up, as we have previously shown in this work.

“And the voice which I heard from Heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth on the sea and on the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book [the prophecy of Daniel]. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up [digest it], and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.” Oh, how sweet was the thought to the Advent people of 1844, that on the twenty-

second day of October Jesus would come again and take them all home to Heaven! But how *bitter* were the jeers and ridicule of their enemies who cried out at them everywhere: "Why did you not go up, you old bald-heads? What are you going to do with your robes now?" But the seeming wise ones of that day had a way of making the "*bitter*" "*sweet*." They said: "We have found out that we made a mistake of about six months in our chronology for the beginning of the 2,300 days. It took Ezra about six months to go from Babylon to Jerusalem and begin the work of restoring and building Jerusalem. In six months from our last date we will be taken up." But the poor blind guides did not go up then.

Verse 11: "And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings." Why did not the Advent people of 1844 see that after the world was not burned up as they predicted, there would be "*many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings*" that would not be reduced to cinders and ashes? The "*foolish*" virgin class of modern Bible Students are insistently repeating the blunders of the 1844 Adventists by speculative dates for the second advent of Christ. They still insist that He came in 1878, and that He comes a little nearer every time one of the "*elect*" passes beyond the "*veil*." This really means that a resurrection takes place every day that one of the "*elect*" dies, or is changed. Their last date fixed is 1918, and that date of guesswork is as "*sweet as honey*" in their mouths; but it will be as *bitter* as

wormwood and gall when they find themselves still here after that date has passed. So much for foolishness. As before shown, the proclamation of the judgment hour is not due to be announced as *having come till after* "the mystery of God" is *finished*, under the sounding of the seventh angel, which is *after* the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE

followed the first angel's message, saying: "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made *all nations* [during the Dark Ages] drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." (Rev. 14-8.) Babylon means "confusion," having reference in this case to a mixture of state and church matters, spiritual adultery. As the chronology of the first angel introduces the judgment hour, it logically follows that the chronology of the second angel's message is in the Millennial Age. This is reason, logic, and Scripture. It is an axiom, a self-evident truth. To make the assertion that Babylon, which means "confusion," as applied to church and state religion, is now cast down, overthrown, is confusion confounded. Has confusion "fallen"? Are we not now in the midst of more church and state confusion than ever before, and is it becoming more or less so? The so-called gospel of Christ is preached by nearly a thousand denominations, and in thousands of different ways, so that the poor dumb sheep know not whom to hear or follow. Has Babylon been thrown down with violence? Babylon is Babylon still, but Babylon

is not cast down, destroyed, nor will she be till in the Millennial Age, as we shall presently show. Babylon will not meet with her overthrow till after the Millennial Kingdom is "set up." The following scriptures make this plain:

"Reward her as she rewarded *you* [the saints, when reigning with Christ during the 1,000 years, are to reward her (Babylon) as she rewarded them during the so-called Dark Ages], and *double* unto her, according to her works [during the whole of the Gospel Age]. In the cup which she *hath* filled, fill to her *double*." (Rev. 18:6.) As she was fully established in 610 A. D., and was to reign for 1,260 year days, to the twentieth day of September, 1870, there is no possible chance or place for her to get her "*double*" of 1,260 years during the Gospel Age. It *must* come to her *after* the Kingdom of God is fully "set up" in 1945. Her "*double*," shorn of her dominion, "*bound*" a thousand years with the kingdom truth of Christ and the 144,000 saints, *begins* with the *beginning* of the 1,000 years of Christ and the saints over the "*house of Jacob*." All this time she has nothing but "*torment and sorrow*" given her. Her dominion was taken from her at the second coming (presence) of Christ. "Then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and destroy with the brightness of His *presence*." The *system* of Babylon is destroyed then, but the false principles of worship still remain, but without power to enforce them, for a period of 1,000 years.

"When the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth." (Rev. 20:7.) Verse 2 says: "He must be loosed for a little season." By being "loosed for a little season" we understand that his "dominion" or power is restored, to test him as to his persecuting spirit. But we find the same old dragon spirit is still there. The fact that the saints render to her "double" shows that the "little season" in which she is "loosed" is just 260 years, as it takes just that number of years added to 1,000 years to make her "double." At the close of her "double," "fire comes down out of Heaven and devours them." This fire is not literal fire, as many people suppose, but symbolic fire. They were then cast into a "lake of fire and brimstone." This is the kind of "fire" or "fiery trial" that the Church is now passing through to purify it. It is then compared to a "lake of fire," because there are so many engaged in the revolt against God. It is called the "second death." The whole race of Adam died to righteousness in him, and lived to sin. The whole race of Adam must eventually, in Christ, die to sin and live to righteousness. This is the "second death," but it is not individual annihilation, or eternal non-existence, as some teach. "As in Adam *all die* [to righteousness], even so in Christ *shall all be made alive*" [to righteousness]. "Our God is a consuming fire" [not literal]. He consumes the *sin* of the sinner, and saves the sinner, not *in* his sins, but from

his sins. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people *from* their sins." Fire and brimstone have a double signification. They are used in Scripture as purifying elements and as destroying elements. Symbolic fire destroys *sin* and purifies the heart of the sinner.

We now offer the following scripture as further proof positive that Babylon, whatever that term may signify, will receive her "*double*" at the hands of the glorified saints, apostles, and prophets in the Millennial Age: "Rejoice over her [Babylon], thou Heaven [the new Heaven], and ye saints, and ye apostles, and ye prophets; for God hath judged *your judgment* on her." (Rev. 18:20.) Paul says the saints are to judge the world. But he is careful to tell the saints not to judge before the Lord comes, Who will then bring to light the hidden things of dishonesty and make manifest the counsels of the heart.

A SYMBOL OF BABYLON'S FALL.

"And a mighty angel took up a stone, as it were a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with a mighty fall shall Babylon the great city be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voices of harpers, and minstrels, and flute-players, and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in thee. And the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee; for thy merchants were the princes of the earth; for with thy sorcery were all the nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of proph-

ets, and of saints, and of all that have been slain upon the earth." (Rev. 18:21-24.) So we see that when Babylon is cast down, she will be cast down with "violence," as when a great millstone is cast into the sea, and that will not be till she has received her "*double*" at the hands of the saints, apostles, and prophets in the Millennial Age.

THE JEWISH "DOUBLE."

We have seen how God will render "double" to Babylon, and when it will be rendered. In a somewhat similar manner has He dealt with the Jewish nation. He declares by the prophet (Zech. 9:10); "Even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee." This "double" embraced a period of 1,845 years without "favor," from the death of Christ, 33 A. D., to the Berlin Congress of Nations, 1878, when "favor" began to return to the Jewish people, owing to the fact that then England gained a protectorate over the Asiatic provinces of Turkey, through the diplomacy of Lord Beaconsfield (a Jew), who was then prime minister to the throne of England. The Lord had shown the Jewish nation "favor" 1,845 years, from the death of Jacob to the death of Christ, 33 A. D. The prophet (Isa. 40:1-2), looking down the stream of time to the Berlin Congress of Nations in 1878, exclaims: "Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she hath received of Jehovah's hand *double* for all her sins." Today we see the English

soldiers, under General Allenby, tenting on the hills of Palestine, paving the way for the return of the Jewish nation to the land of their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In fact, the Lord is working most marvelously for the Israelitish nation, the twelve tribes. The two half tribes of Joseph, Ephraim (England) and Manasseh (the United States), are now in actual possession of the land, and in due time the Jews will all be there. Brother Russell injected time into his parallels, and makes it appear that the Jewish people would all be back to Jerusalem by 1914. He afterward saw his mistake, and corrected it. He figured only 36 years for the Jewish people to return to full "favor"—namely, from 1878 to 1914. He should have figured from 1878 to 1945, the Resurrection Day, the ending of the 1,333 year days of Daniel 12. This would give a period of 67 years, the full time of "favor" to the whole house of Israel. It is then that the fountain is to be opened up to the house of David for sin and uncleanness.

As Jehovah showed the Jewish nation no "favor" during their "double," so God will show Babylon no "favor" during her time of "double." Babylon is "fallen" now, this side the Millennial Age, but in the Millennial Age she will be overthrown, cast down, destroyed. In this Age it is said of her: "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and is become a habitation of demons, and the hold of every unclean spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." (Rev. 18:2.) In the Millennial Age it will be said of her: "And every shipmaster, and everyone

that saileth any whither, and mariners as many as gain their living by sea, stood afar off, and cried out as they looked upon the smoke of her *burning* [not with literal fire], saying, What city is like the great city? And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, wherein all that had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her costliness; for in one hour is she made desolate." In this Age she says: "Is it a queen, and am no widow, and shall in no wise see mourning." She lost all her husbands the twentieth day of September, 1870, and has been a "widow" ever since; but in the near future all her former husbands will come back to her and be married, with some who were not her husbands in 1870, and all will do her bidding.

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

followed the first and second angels' messages; hence its chronology is over in the Millennial Age. We have seen that the *final overthrow* of Babylon does not take place till 1,260 years *after* the kingdom is "set up" in 1945. But the "dominion" of Babylon is withheld from her during the whole of her "double." Co-extensive with her time of "double" a solemn warning goes forth against her false system of worship, threatening all who submit to her way of worship with her "plagues" "in the *presence* of the Lamb." We might conjecture as to what the great Babylon is in every phase of its existence, in the present Age and in the Age to come, but much of it might be mere speculation. We might also phi-

losophise as to what the "mark" of the beast is, and be wrong in that also. Some say the mark is the observance of the Sunday sabbath instead of the Saturday sabbath. Some affirm that it is the "war tax." Others say it is the union of church and state. Others say it is the buying and selling of anything in commercial life without authority from the government. We are free to say we do not know what the "mark" is and do not care to speculate. The unfolding of subsequent events may make it all plain. We may safely say that the millions who are raised from the dead during the Messianic Reign will come forth with the same distorted ideas of the worship of the true God they had when they fell asleep in death. So it is reasonable that a message will go forth against the "beast," his "image," his "mark," and the "number of his name." The true light will then shine on all these features, as is made plain by the awful penalties visited on all who engage in such worship. They are to be tormented "with fire [not literal] and brimstone, in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb." As the Lamb will not be *present* till after 1945, so the torment cannot take place till that time.

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.

Why? God loved His. Christ loved His. You must love yours, if you would be God-like, Christ-like. "For if, while we were *enemies*, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." (Rom. 5:10.) How many were enemies when

Christ died for us? *All.* Then how many were reconciled? *All.* Then how many will be saved by His life? *All, or none.* Salvation is as far-reaching as reconciliation. “*All* we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on Him the iniquity of us *all.*” (Isa. 53:6.) Sinner, saint, caviller, creed-maker. “Behold the Lamb of God, Who taketh away the [Adamic] *sin of the world*” [and also the *sins* of the world during its Trial Ages (eons)]. (John 1:29.) The word “taketh” is a progressive term, showing that the sin of the world is not taken away *all* at once; but, as shown in the volume of this book, it requires “the Ages of the Ages” to accomplish the work, even to a thousand generations. The Lamb of God will take away the sin of *all the world* or *none*. Jehovah put **the** sin of *all the world* on Christ, or else He put *none*.

The Church, the Bride, the 144,000, the Lamb’s wife, will be separated from sin during this present “evil world,” but the unnumbered hosts of humanity in the Ages to come. The wheat and tares are to grow together till the “harvest”—the end of the Gospel Age; then the tares are to be bundled and burned—not literally, but symbolically. They are destroyed as tares, but not as individuals, are not blotted out of existence, or burned with fire and brimstone, to all eternity. The burning process, or fiery trial through which they will be called to pass, will change them from *sinners* to *saints*.

God is infinite in wisdom, mercy, justice, love,

and power. He can and will deal with the sinner in such a way as to win his love and lead him to glory. The "eternal destruction" spoken of in 2 Thessalonians 1:9 is a destruction of *sin*, and not *sinners*. When sin is destroyed in the individual, the sinner is destroyed also, but the sinner becomes a saint, saved from sin, with the powers of an endless life. The "age-lasting destruction" meted out to the sinner in the "Ages [eons] to come" will separate sin from the wicked and make saints of them. God's dealing with the sinner in the Ages to come will not be much unlike His dealing with the Church in this "present evil world." "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." Why does He deal with the Church in this way? To separate sin from the Church, and prepare it for the future work of blessing "all the families of the earth." "If ye [the Church] are without chastisement, whereof *all* are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." We are told that no chastisement for the present seems to be oyous, but rather grievous, but they yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness to them who are exercised thereby. It is not logical or Scriptural to affirm that God's enemies are destroyed if they are tortured in fire and brimstone to all eternity. The longer they were tortured the worse they would hate God. No less are His enemies destroyed by blotting out of existence the individual. His enemies will be destroyed when His treatment of them, in wisdom, justice, compassion, mercy, and love, overcomes in

their minds and hearts their *hatred* of Him. This is the way that, after His enemies have been reconciled to God through the death of His Son, they are saved by His life.

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:19: "God was in Christ, reconciling the *world* unto Himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses." "Reconciling" is "bringing into favor and friendship, after variance" (Webster). If the sinner is tortured with fire and brimstone for the Ages Eternal, does that restore him to "favor and friendship" with God? If the sinner is annihilated, is he not a *dead enemy*? Bear in mind that it was no fractional part of the world that was reconciled to God; no fractional part that was, prophetically speaking, brought back to favor and friendship with God "after variance." It is not **to** be fully done till we come to the beginning of the Age without end. It is a progressive work carried on through Christ and the glorified Church through the Ages to come till the final glorification of the whole human race is accomplished. There is nothing in the word "reconciling" that even intimates that "variance" is to continue to exist between Jehovah and any of His creatures "world without end." The *finished work of Jehovah* will yet reveal to a ransomed universe that the final goal of humanity in the *undie-able* (not able to die) condition, or *immortality*. "Gods like unto Him, even God." (Rom. 4:17.) "When we see Him, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is," not as He was while here in the flesh. The unmeasured life of

Christ, Who reconciled the world to God through His death, and afterward saves it by His life, is the pledge, the guarantee, that the life of the whole race shall run parallel with His—on—and *on*—and *on* through the Great Boundless Unknown.

A PARTING WORD.

With much anxiety and earnest prayer, after many months of diligent research and digging as for hidden treasures, the authors of this little volume now dedicate it to God, to reach two classes of people *especially*, though thousands of people of all ranks and stations in life will read it and get a great blessing out of it. The two classes are typed by Elijah and Elisha, pointing to the “wise” and “foolish” virgins of Matthew 25. It will serve the purpose of enlightening, strengthening, confirming, and establishing the “wise” virgins, the remnant Church, the “feet members,” in the faith once delivered to the saints. Second, it will serve to enlighten, admonish, and even beseech, the “foolish” virgins to go and buy “oil,” that they may be prepared to carry forward the “restitution” work after the Church has been exalted to the Divine plane. We would remind them that before they are able to procure the “oil” (the Holy Spirit), the “wise” virgins will have passed on into glory; for when they return with the “oil,” they will find the door closed and the “wise” virgins gone. These “foolish” virgins then make a pathetic appeal to the Lord, saying: “Lord, Lord, open to us.” But He answered, and said: “Verily I say unto you, I know you not.” As Elisha received

the Holy Spirit at the hands of Elijah, so will the "foolish" virgins receive the Holy Spirit at the hands of the "wise" virgins, after they are caught up to meet the Lord in the "air," preparatory to entering into kingdom honors at Jerusalem, September 20, 1945.

There is a third class, which, for lack of a better name, we call a "religious denomination" creed class, which this little book will not appeal to very strongly. Seeing their long-cherished theories being undermined, they will begin to shout: "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" The love of "lucre," the praise of men, the passion to be called "Rabbi," and much more, and (may I whisper it softly) *g-r-a-f-t*, may stand in the way of some. Of all "grafters," religious grafters are the most successful, for they run on the inside track; that is, they hold the confidence of the masses. Very many of this class are so filled up with prejudice that they will not investigate. They are bound with a "threefold cord"—ignorance, egotism, and self-conceit, all twisted firmly together, and not easily broken. Prejudice is like an empty bottle with a cork in it: you can't get anything into it, neither can you get anything out of it.

There is yet another class, composed of all trades and occupations, who do not claim to be Christians, or even religious, who are of noble birth, honorable, upright in dealing, free from prejudice for the most part, who will readily read this little book, and be able to see in it a Bible solution of all life's in-

tricate problems, in the unfolding of Jehovah's finished work, "according to a plan of the Ages," "which He purposed in Himself"; wherein it is revealed that "*all* the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah; and *all* the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee; for the kingdom is Jehovah's, and He is the Ruler over the nation" (Ps. 22:27-28).

"And He [Jehovah] will destroy in this mountain [the kingdom appointed to Christ and the glorified Church] the face of the covering that covereth *all* peoples, and the veil that is spread over *all* nations. He hath swallowed up death for ever. And the Lord, Jehovah, will wipe away tears from off *all* faces; and the reproach of His people will He take away tears from off *all* the earth; for Jehovah hath spoken it." (Isa. 25:7-9.) What a "feast of fat things" is in store for this old "groaning" world, which for about 6,000 years has soaked earth's mountains and valleys with its blood, and lined the rivers and oceans red with its life-currents! All these millions and billions of the race who have gone down into the charnel-house of death are to "come again from the land of the enemy; and there is hope for thy latter end, saith Jehovah; and thy children shall come again to their own border" (Jer. 31:16-17). "The veil that is spread over *all* nations" has indeed covered them with blindness to the natural rights of humanity and plunged them into a world-wide war, unparalleled in all the annals of time. This little volume furnishes a logical and Scriptural so-

lution of the problem of evil, and the final outcome of the world's present and future tragedy. Our brave heroes and heroines, "over there" fighting for our lives, liberty, happiness, and homes, shall "come again [in the resurrection] to their own border."

Oh, the boundless joy of that soon-coming
New Kingdom Day,
For which the Master taught His chosen
to pray:

Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done,
By every 'nation neath the sun,
As by the angels done.

The Star of Bethlehem will soon appear again in the east. "Gleams of the golden morning" are streaming down over the wasting kingdoms of time. From Zion's watch-towers golden fingers of heavenly light are pointing to earth's New Day, when fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, children and loved ones, warriors and statesmen, presidents and law-makers, kings and queens, and parliaments, will meet again, under the new social and economic order of things, under "the King of kings and Lord of lords." "And Jehovah shall be King over all the earth in that day." (Zech. 14:9.) No pen can picture it. No brush can paint it. No imagination on loftiest wing can circumnavigate it. We will *all* be *here* on the *earth* when all these things come to pass, not *up in Heaven*. Saints do not "sleep in Jesus," up in Heaven. They "sleep in the *dust* of the *earth*." No graves up in Heaven; for saints do not need two

sleeping-places, one in the earth and the other in Heaven. No dead people "over there." God shall wipe away all tears from off all faces (not just saints only), and there shall be no more sighing, no more crying, no more dying, no more death! Halleluiah! Worthy is the Lamb.

THE SIGN OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE.

What will be His sign? It will be the manifestation and exercise of His great power (Rev. 11:15). The translation from among men of His elect to meet the dear Lord in the "air" (1 Thess. 4:17). The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Elisha Class (the "foolish" virgin class), who will then receive power from the Elijah Class to work miracles, great signs, and wonders, even as Elisha did (2 Kings 2:24, 3:16, 4:33-34; 5:27; 6:6-18). The only reason why Elisha was not translated with Elijah was, that he was not anointed with the Holy Spirit. We note that Elisha asked for even a double portion of the Holy Spirit before Elijah was taken from him. The reason the antitypical Eishas will not be translated with the Bride Class is, they are not anointed with the Holy Spirit. The sign of His presence will be the "times of refreshing," coming from His presence, to Israel restored, as set forth in Acts 3:19. Regathered Israel to Jerusalem, the making of the New Covenant, the rebuilding of the grand Temple at Jerusalem, the new social order of things, a sound basis of all economic values, and a just and righteous law to enforce the good and put down the bad—these are but a few of the many signs of His presence.

that will appear among men, showing a new power is at the helm.

Halleluiah! Worthy is the Lamb. "He who testifieth these things saith, Yea, I come quickly [September 20th, at 10 o'clock a. m., 1945]. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*"



HAPPY IN HIM.

"If any one be in Christ, he is a new creation."
—*2 Corinthians 5:17.*

(Old-time Tune: "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hour," p. 344, "Christ in Song.")

- 1 At all times I'm happy in Him,
 My life is a psalm and a song;
 My view of His face ne'er grows dim,
 Though many things seem to go wrong.
 His *presence* my spirit doth cheer,
 His burden is easy to bear;
 I've nothing to dread or to fear
 While casting on Him all my care.
- 2 Oh, precious experience this,
 More precious than worlds of pure gold!
 Oh, glorious, heavenly bliss!
 Oh, treasures of wealth all untold!
 The joy of all joy is my Lord's;
 His love, of all loves, is the best;
 No pen can describe His rewards,
 No brush paint His heavenly rest.
- 3 On Zion's high mountain I stand,
 And heavenly hills robed in green
 Invite to that sweet Promised Land,
 But Jordan rolls darkly between.
 Like Moses, I long to cross o'er,
 And enter that Canaan of rest,
 But why should I ask of Him more?
 In Him I am happy and blest.

4 In Him abounds fullness of joy,
 And pleasures are found evermore;
 In Him naught can harm or annoy,
 In Him all to charm and adore.
 God's Son who came down from above,
 Revealing my Father's great plan,
 Embodies God's infinite *love*.
Halleluiah! Amen and amen.

By J. A. OPPY, Siloam Springs, Ark., November
 30, 1913.

ALL ON THE ALTAR.

(Tune: "Over the Line," p. 9, "Christ in Song.")

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the miracles of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."—*Romans 12:1.*

1 My body, my all, on the altar I lay,
 As a sweet "living sacrifice,"
 I gladly present it, while trusting I may
 Obtain that heavenly prize.

Chorus.

Living His life and dying His death,
 I will be faithful while He lends me breath;
 Living His life, I know I shall gain the crown of
 life eternal.

2 'Tis only a "reasonable service" I bring,
 For Jesus to live and to die;
 My "reward" I'll receive from the Heavenly
 King,
 In His Kingdom, by and by.

- 3 And when this “earthly house” is “dissolved,”
Which I for a crown have given,
I’ve a “building of God,” but “not made with
hands,
Eternal in the heavens.”
- 4 This *mortal*, when “changed,” shall *immortal* be,
And bright as the “sun” shall shine;
And, “clothed” with His blest *immortality*,
Shall bear His “image” *Divine*.
- 5 My life glides along in sweet heavenly song,
I belong to a “pilgrim” band;
We’ve heard the “high” call, and we *consecrate*
 all
To gain that heavenly land.
- 6 Not the half did I know of this wonderful light,
Of creatures in Christ made new.
On wings I mount up, as the eagle *in* flight—
Oh, yes, I do, I do!

Final Chorus.

Living His life, and living His death,
We will be faithful while He lends us breath;
Living His life, we know we shall gain the crown
 of life eternal.

By J. A. OFFY, Siloam Springs, Ark., December
14, 1914.

HE IS PRECIOUS.

“Since thou hast been precious in My sight, and honorable, and I have loved thee, therefore will I give men in thy stead, and peoples instead of thy life.”—*Isaiah 43:4.*

(Tune: “I Am Coming to the Cross,” page 109,
“Christ in Song.”)

- 1 I am dearer unto Him
Than “the apple of His eye,”
And as dear He is to me,
And for Him I’ll live and die.

Chorus.

I am “graven” on His hands,
And upon His wounded side;
He has written my “new name,”
For with Him I’m *crucified*.

- 2 From His head, hands, side, and feet,
Saints behold a cleansing tide;
Washed in blood, they’re made complete;
Only saints can be His Bride.
- 3 Oh, how precious is His name!
Oh, how precious is the flow
Of the blood of Calvary’s Lamb,
Washing saints as white as snow!

- 4 Oh, how lovely is the "Rose,"
And the Lily by its side!
Emblems of the Christ, Who chose
Saints to be His lovely Bride.
- 5 I have *consecrated* all—
All my rights on earthly plane;
I have heard the "*heavenly call*"
For "a people for His name."
- 6 "My *Beloved*" spake to me,
Dove-like, resting on the "*Rock*":
"Let Me now thy countenance see,
Thou art of My 'little flock.'
- 7 "O my love, I've chosen thee,
Thou art taken from My side;
In My *kingdom* thou shalt be
Crowned with glory—be My Bride."
- 8 In the night He spake to me:
"Rise up, love, and come away;
See, the rolling shadows flee,
Dawns the bright Millennial Day."
- 9 *Halleluiah!* Praise His name!
I will praise Him and adore.
Glory, glory to the Lamb!
I am His *for evermore*.

By J. A. OPPY, Siloam Springs, Ark., February
8, 1916.

GOD'S WONDERFUL LOVE.

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God."—*I John 3:1*.

(Tune: "Nailed to the Cross," page 6, "Christ in Song.")

1 I have wondered again and again, in my heart,
 Why the Lord ever called unto me;
 Why His *love* and His favor to me He'd impart,
 That a "joint heir" with Christ I might be.

Chorus.

It was *love*, wondrous love; it was love, wondrous
 love,
 And His throne He was willing to share,
 And to make me an heir, if His *cross* I would bear'
 And would suffer with Him unto *death*.

2 Oh, most wonderful plan of my Father Divine,
 Which He "formed for the Anointed," His Son!
 He should "*ransom*" from death *all* the race of
 mankind,
 Ere the Ages their journey should run.

3 I will cling to the *Anointed*, Him I'll never deny,
 In His "footsteps" I'll walk all the way;
 For I see my "high calling," for a *crown*, by
 and by,
 In a *kingdom* which knows no decay.

- 4 I will sing of His *justice*, of His *wisdom* and *power*
I will sing of His *truth* every day,
Of His *mercy* and *favor*, every day, every hour,
Till the shadows of night flee away.
- 5 Soon "the mystery of God" shall be finished in
earth,
Soon the "voice of the *archangel*" rings;
Soon the kingdoms of earth are the Kingdom
of God,
For the *Lord* He is *King* of all kings.
- 6 Oh, "the day-star" of hope in my heart brightly
shines,
As the shadows of night float away,
And "the god of this world," who hath "blind-
ed the minds,"
Will be bound through the great "*Trial Day.*"
By J. A. OPPY, Siloam Springs, Ark.

MY HEAVENLY JOURNEY.

"We are journeying unto the place of which Jehovah said, I will give it you. Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for Jehovah hath spoken good concerning Israel."—*Numbers 10:27.*

(Tune: "Heavenly Sunlight," page 159, "Pente-
costal Song Evangel.")

- 1 Journeying upward o'er the dark mountains,
Beaten with storms, or covered with snow;
Journeying downward through the dark valleys,
Torn by the floods and tempests below;

Chorus.

I've a Companion, blessed Companion,
Guiding my steps wherever I go;
He will be with me, ever be with me,
Till I shall end my journey below.

- 2 Rocking along upon the high billows,
Plunging through troughs of the travailing sea,
Dashing along beside the dark headlands,
I've a dear Pilot, sailing with me.
- 3 Marching along upon the hot desert,
Facing the sand-storms gathering there,
Often I hail the blessed "Oasis,"
"Presence" Divine, my burdens to bear.
- 4 Walking with Jesus through the "dark valley,"
Shadows of death can never prevail;
Promise of crowns of life in His kingdom,
Promise of life that never shall fail.
- 5 Passing the "veil," I enter the *Kingdom*,
Singing a song no mortal can know,
"Song of the Lamb," my blessed *Redeemer*,
"Song of the Lamb," Who loved me so.

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19, 1915.

GETHSEMANE.

“And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He saith unto His disciples, Sit ye here, while I pray.”—*Mark 14:32.*

(Tune: “Olive’s Brow,” page 156, 119, “Christ in Song.”)

- 1 'Twas midnight in Gethsemane,
Where Jesus *suffered* most for me;
Unheard by mortal ear, His prayer
He offered to His Father there.
- 2 'Twas midnight when my Father's Son
Said: “Not my *will*, but Thine be done.”
'Twas midnight: Father heard His prayer,
An angel sent to help Him there.
- 3 'Twas midnight, and the great “*I Am*”
Was sacrificing His dear Lamb.
God's Lamb himself a “*ransom*” gave,
That He the world might win and save.
- 4 'Twas midnight, and from midnight thrones
Was echoed back the *Sufferer's* groans;
Among the bright angelic trains,
Not one could share His griefs and pains.
- 5 'Twas midnight, and the *Sufferer* cries,
For out of *death* He might not rise;
Should not His Father hear His prayer,
He might remain *for ever* there.

- 6 'Twas midnight, and in His distress
He pleads the "cup" from Him might "pass";
Then in His agony He'd cry:
"The world can't live except I die!"
- 7 Earth's midnight gathered round His head
When He unto His Father said:
"My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"
So died God's Lamb on *Calvary*.
- 8 'Twas midnight: our Passover Lamb
Is sacrificed for sinful man;
And in that bright *Millennial Day*
He'll shine earth's midnights all away.
- 9 'Twas midnight: Israel crossed Red Sea;
Its antitype comes soon to me;
And on that bright *eternal shore*
No midnights come; no, nevermore.
- 10 No midnights: Praise His Holy Name!
No midnights: Glory to the Lamb!
No midnights—*sunshine evermore*;
No midnights on that *golden shore*.

Passover Hymn. "They sang a hymn, and went out."

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11, 1915.

PILOT OF GALILEE.

“And He awoke and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”—*Mark 4:39.*

(Tune: “Nearer, My God, to Thee,” page 663,
“Christ in Song.”)

- 1 Out on life's stormy sea
 My lot is cast;
 Hidden the sun from me,
 Fearful the blast.
 But I am trusting *Thee*,
 Pilot of Galilee;
 Thou hast the raging sea
 'Neath Thy control.
- 2 Fearful the ocean's wrath
 Round my frail bark;
 While breakers talk with Death
 And all is dark.
 But I am trusting *Thee*,
 Pilot of Galilee,
 To calm the raging sea
 With “Peace, be still.”
- 3 Fearful the ocean's wake,
 Dreadful its roar;
 And snow-capped billows break
 On rock-ribbed shore.

But I am trusting Thee,
 Pilot of Galilee;
 When *all* shall *trust in Thee*,
 All storms shall cease.

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THE "LITTLE FLOCK"—THE 144,000.

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the *Kingdom*."—*Luke 12:32.*

(Tune: "Beloved," page 226, "Hymns of Dawn.")

- 1 "Fear not, little flock;" "for He careth for you";
 All the "gold" He will surely refine;
 He will "purge" out the "dross," and His likeness renew,
 Till all bear His blest "image" Divine.
- 2 Though cast in a furnace of "fire" you may be,
 He will treasure His loving design;
 He'll deliver from "fire" when the "gold" is set free,
 And we bear His blest "image" Divine.
- 3 "Fear not, little flock;" for the Father will give
 "The Kingdom" of Glory to you;
 With Him you have *suffered*, with Him you shall live,
 Being "chosen," and "faithful," and "true."

4 'Tis the "Father's good pleasure" the Kingdom to give
To His "chosen," His "true," and His "tried";
To those who have *died*, that His *life* they might live;
With the Bridegroom, they'll reign as His Bride.

5 All praise to the Father, Who chose me in Christ!
All praise to the Father's dear Son!
All praise for a place in the *Kingdom* of Rest!
All praise for a place in His *throne*!

6 "Blest are the dead who" now "die in the Lord"!
Oh, "Yea, saith the Spirit," they're blest!
For, "changed in a moment," they gain their "reward,"
A home in the *Kingdom* of Rest.

WHEN THE NIGHT SHALL ROLL AWAY.

"And there shall be no night there."—*Revelation 22:5.*

(Tune: "When the Mists Have Cleared Away, page 893, "Christ in Song.")

1 When the night has rolled in splendor
From the beauty of the sky,
And Jehovah's Plan and Purpose
Is revealed in every eye;
When the darkness parts asunder
And reveals that Kingdom Day,
We shall know and love Him better
As the night shall roll away.

Chorus.

To the saints is now made known,
As they walk with Christ alone

 In His Messianic Kingdom,
 All the night He'll roll away;

 In His Messianic Kingdom,
 All the night He'll roll away.

2 Now we grope in human blindness,
 And dishonor God above,
 And we make of Him a *tyrant*,
 When He is a God of *love*.
Soon the misty creeds of churches
 Shall forever pass away,
 And we'll understand Him better
 In that glorious Kingdom Day.

3 As above the mists we've risen,
 How we love Him more and more!
 And we praise Him for the pathway
 Leading to the Kingdom shore.
With His snowy wings He'll cover,
 Through "the dark and cloudy day,"
 Till the weary watch is over,
 And the night shall roll away.

4 There's a radiant bow of promise
 Circling round the Father's throne,
 Shining for the overcomer;
 For the Master knows His own.

He will never, never leave us,
In this world of sin and care;
He will bear our heavy burdens
Till we meet Christ "in the air."

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